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PREFATORY NOTE.

This volume contains the proceedings of the President and Council of Fort St. George for the year 1687. They were taken from the eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth volumes of the series "Diary and Consultation Books," and put together by the late Mr. Pringle. The footnotes on pages 1, 24, 100, 204 and 208 particularize the portions of the volumes which have been included in the present publication. The original manuscript volumes are in a fair state of preservation.

H. DODWELL,
Curator, Madras Record Office.

20*th December* 1915.

RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

DIARY AND CONSULTATION BOOK

OF

1687.

*(From January * to December, 1687.)*

——*FORT S^T. GEORGE, JANUARY, 168⅞.*——

The Dyary and Consultation Book of the President Governour & Councill their Proceedings & Transactions for the Affairs of the R^t Honble English East India Company in the Presidency of the Coast of Choromandell & the Bay of Bengala.

This afternoon Appaugee Pontolo late Avaldar of Palliacat, now raised to a considerable imploy, came to give the President a vissit, & 3 yards of Scarlet was given his Son, the Tasheriff to himself of two Chests rosewater, & two half peeces Aurora, was given by the Merchants. 168⅞ January 2mo. Appange Pontolo came on a vissitt to the President.

Ship Dragon Capt Anthony Fenn Commander, arrived here from Siam & on her Mr Harbin Chief of Siam, & Mr Hodges Second of Tonqueen & by them a Generall from Mr Constant Phaulkon, dated in Siam the 29th of October 1686 with their valluation of Jewells, and a Generall from Mr Samuell Barron &c dated in Mallacca 31st May 1686. 2. Ship Dragon from Siam. Mr Harbin & Mr Hodges on her. Genll &ca from Mr Phaulkon. Genll from Mr Barron &ca.

This morning Capt Fenn Commander of the Ship Dragon came ashoar & brought with him a Box containing as p̄ List Tonqueen Gen^ll Letter (sealed up) to England, designed by the Smirnaott, Invoyce of Ship Smirnaotts cargo, Bill of Lading for ditto. Journall Register, beginning July 29th 1682 & ending the last of August 1683. Ditto beginning first September 1683 & ending 25th January 3. Capt Fenn came ashoar. Box of Letters Books &ca from Tonqueen.

* *Note.*—The Diary and Consultations of the period, January 1 to February 3, 1687, have been taken from Public Consultations, Volume XI, pages 175—215.

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168¾ Tonqueen Generall Books L beginning p^mo August 1682 & ending Ultm° June 1683 ditto M beginning p^mo July & ending Ultm° August 1683. Lemuell Blackmores Acc^t of petty disburstments & diett. Henry Iretons Certificates, A parcell of Keys belonging to Seven Chests packed with Silkes, [I]nvoyce of the Dragon's cargo. Advices concerning Capt Coles & Mr Daniel Dawes their estates, Coppy of the Honble Comp^as advices p Ship Dragon, Bill of Lading for the Dragons cargo, Generall Letter to England p the Dragon, Generall Letter to the President and Councill att Fort St George, A List of the Packett.

3. Genll from Mr Hodges &ca. Genll from Mr Keeling.

Rec^d p said Ship a Gen^ll from William Hodges, George Tash & Lemuell Blackmore, dated in Tonqueen the [*Lacuna in the original*] January 168⅞.

Rec^d p said Ship a Generall from Mr William Keeling Chief of Tonqueen dated in Ding Lack the 23th January 168⅞.

Att a Consultation

Present

Munday. 3.

William Gyfford Esqr President & Govern
Mr Elihu Yale — Mr Thomas Lucas
Mr John Nicks — Mr John Gray
Mr Thomas Wavell' — Mr Nath. Higginson
Mr John Cheney.

Cash Acct for Decemb.

The Presidents Cash Book for the month of December read and past the Ballance being Pag° 1756 : 16 : 1.

Mint Acct for Novr & Decemr.

Mr Nathaniell Higginson read the Accompts of the Mint for the months of November & December which was past as followeth.

For the month of November p Mr Littleton rec^d for Mintage duties upon particular persons Gold coyned P. 8396 att ½ p C^t Pag° 41 : 35 :—

For the month of December p Mr Higginson rec^d for Mintage duties upon particular persons Gold coyned P 4787 att ½ p C^t Pag° 23 : 33: 4.

Musk & Silk to be traverst aboard the George. Gold to be brought ashoar.

Order'd that the Musk and Silk aboard the Dragon be traverst to the George, and the Gold brought ashoar, and delivered to the Mint to be coyned.

The Mr Honble Comp^as Merchants were this morning sent for and as hath been accustomary for a new Years Gift were Tasherift as followeth.

The Merchants tasherift.

Broad Cloth fine Scarlett.	Yards.	Broad Cloth ord^ry red.	Yards.
To Chinna Vencatadry	3 :—	Pedda Nague	3 : —
Timmana	2 : ½	Vincaty Putty	2 : ½
Moodu Verona	2 : ½	Gunla Rangapa	2 : —
Allingall Pilla	2 : ½	The Mulla	2 : —
Kitte Narrand	2 : ½	Chinna Tombe	2 : —
Rammapa	2 : ½		

Great Gunns fired.

and att their going by the ffort Itt is order'd that Nine great Guns be fired, that the Town may take notice of the honour done them.

Capt ffenn desires his Doctor to be secured. Order'd that he be secured.

Capt Anthony ffenn Commander of the Dragon delivers a paper wherein he makes his request that John Cotter his Doctor may bee secured, (he being a refractory and mutinous fellow) till wee can have a hearing of the business, which is order'd to be done. Coppy of said paper is enter'd next after this Consultation

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Having this morning had information that two of the King of Siams Ships called the Resolution & Jerusalem commanded by English laden with the Said Kings and his Subjects goods, are arrived att Pullicherry or some adjacent Port, Itt is agreed in pursuance of his Majtys Commission to the Rt Honble Compa & their orders to us, that all endeavours be used to Seiz them, to reprise their losses, that 20 Souldiers be sent aboard Sloop Mary, that she be immediatly dispatcht to the Southward to Capt Batten, that an order be sent Capt Batten to seiz them & bring them hither, & dispose of Said Sloop as he thinks convenient in this affair, & then said Sloop to proceed to Coodaloor, & follow the orders of the Chief & Councill there, & that Ship Dragon Capt ffenn Commander bee dispatcht tomorrow upon the same expedition, with Six Souldiers to be put aboard, & that a Commission be given him to proceed to Capt Batten & follow his orders, in this affair, & that when itt is over, he proceed to Conimeer and follow the order of the Chief & Council there, but in case he meets with said Ships or either of them by the way, then to Seiz & bring them hither, & take care that nothing be imbessled, we being to give a receipt to the Commander for what we take from him.

Siam Shipps att Pullicherry. Orders concerning them.

An order to Capt Batten to Seiz two of the King of Siams Ships that are to the Southward named the Resolution & the Jerusalem, the latter taken from John de Mark an Armenian, our Town inhabitant, Also dispatch for Sloop Mary to go to Capt Batten dated this day read & past.

Order to Capt Batten and Sloop Mary's dispatch.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J⅝: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Secry

May itt please your Honr &cn Councill.

Having found my Doctor John Cotter to be a very refractory & mutinous fellow, I think my duty to acquaint your Honrs therewith, & humbly desire your Honrs to cause him to be Secured, till such time, as your Honrs shall think fitt, to have a hearing before you.

Coppy Capt ffenns request to have his Doctor secured.

Fort St. George
3d Janry 168⅞.

Your Honrs humble Servt to command
ANTHONY FFENN.

3. Ship Arrivall Richard Harbin Master arrived here from Bengall.

Ship Arrivall from Bengal.

Delivered Mr Bullock Master of Sloop Mary his dispatch to the Southward, to assist the Rebecca against the Siam Ships.

Sloop Mary's dispatch delivered.

Recd a Generall from Conimeer dated pmo Instant, with 2 Rupees, 2 Abassees & 2 Shawhees for an Assay to bee taken of them, to see what proportion in fineness they bear to Dollars, Also a Letter from Harja Raja.

Generall &ca from Conimeer. Letter from Harja Raja.

This evening Ship Shrewsbury Capt Robert Alford Commander arrived here from Emoy, (without a Dispatch her Charterparty time being expired) & on her Mr Mose, Mr DuBois & Mr Willcox, who came ashoar, as also the Captne who delivers a Packett containing Mr Mose & Mr DuBois their Generall dated on board said Ship the 30th Decembr 1686. A Generall left att Emoy by Mr Gladman &ca when they went away dated Ultimo December 1685 List of the Compas Goods & another of the freight goods aboard said Ship.

Shrewsbury arrived by Mr Mose Mr Du Bois & Mr Willcox on her. Packett delivered by ye Capt. Generll & manifest from Mr Samuell Barron.

Recd p Said Ship a Generall from Mr Samuell Barron dated in Emoy Factory the 23th November 1686 with his Manifest dated the pmo ditto who staying behind referrs the reasons till his arrivall att Fort St George, designing to take his passage

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hither on a Small Vessell Commanded by Mr Burton, & to bring the Compas remaines with him.

4. Sloop Mary sailed hence.

This morning Sloop Mary sailed to the Southward.

Genlls & Capt ffenns Commission.

Generalls to Conimeer, & to Coodaloor, & Commission & dispatch for Capt ffenn to sail to the Southward to Capt Batten to assist in Seizing two of the King of Siams Ships approved and Signed, and the latter delivered to the Captaine.

5. Genll &ca from Capt Batten.

Recd a Generall from Capt Thomas Batten Commander of the Rebecca dated in Conimeer the 2d Inst with Coppy of the Kings Commission to him.

Capt ffenn delivers a paper.

This evening Capt Anthony ffenn Commander of the Dragon delivers a paper dated this day, wherein he declares the reasons why he cannot proceed to the Southward, as dispatcht yesterday, which is to be considered tomorrow, Coppy of said paper is as followeth.

May itt please your Honr &ca Councill.

Coppy of the said paper.

Whereas I recd an order from your Honr and Councill yesterday to proceed on a voyage to the Southward, do hereby declare that I cannot proceed on the said voyage, by reasons my men are soe mutinous, that they will not weigh the Anchors, nor proceed the said voyage, I humbly request the favour of your Honr &ca Councill to send some Souldiers on board, to Secure the Honble Company's cargoe & that the chief mutinous persons may be brought on shoar & secured.

Your Honr &ca Councill humble
Servant to command
ANTHONY FFENN.

Fort St. George
5th Janry 168⅞

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 6.

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR	PRESIDENT & GOVERNR
MR ELIHU YALE	MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS	MR JOHN GRAY
MR THOMAS WAVELL	MR NATH. HIGGINSON

MR JOHN CHENEY.

Concerning the Dragons men.

Taking into consideration the paper delivered last night by Captne ffenn, wherein he gives his reasons why he cannot proceed to the Southward, according to his dispatch of the 4th Instant, & desiring some Souldiers may be sent aboard, to secure the Rt Honble Compas estate, by bringing the most mutinous persons ashoar, to have the business examined Itt is agreed & order'd that 10 Souldiers & 20 Seamen out of the George be sent aboard, that said mutinous persons be brought ashoar, examined & seperated aboard such other Ships, as wee can perswade to take them, & others put in their places, that said Ship be unladen & fitted to prosecute the designe order'd last Consultation, if there shall bee occation.

Capt Thomas Batten Commander of the Rebecca, having in his Generall to us of the 2nd Instant given us severall reasons why he is not able to undertake so hazardous an exploit singly, as to follow the Ships into Pullicherry Road, Itt is order'd that by reason we can send him noe more force att present, then the late twenty Souldiers sent p̄ Sloop Mary (the Dragons men proving mutinous) that (if he be not already gone upon that expedition) he desist att present & makes the best of his way hither, and that afterwards we send him againe with other assistance, to Attack the Siams Ships, when there may be more probabillity of Success, & that the Souldiers he hath aboard, as also those sent in the Sloop Mary, be put ashoar att Conimeer, (the Chief & Councill there having represented to us the danger they fear by the Mogulls approaching) to Secure the Rt Honble Comp

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estate, & that they keep them in their Factory till we send a Ship or other Vessell to fetch their goods & them away.

Report of the Dragons Gold.

Mr Thomas Lucas & Mr Nathaniell Higginson report the weight of Gold p̄ the Dragon from Tonqueen to be Vizt 8 parcells

	oz.	dwt.	gr.
qt 108 Barrs pz.....	1236 :	07 :	06 ;

Shrewsbury to be unladen.

Order'd that the Shrewsbury be unladen with all expedition.

Genalls to Conimeer & Capt Batten.

Generalls to Conimeer, & to Capt Batten dated this day read and past.

Concerning Lead in the Ships George and Shrewsbury.

Though the Rt Honble Comp^a have order'd that the Fifty Seven Tons of Lead laden upon the Ship George in England for Quintaledge should be returned back in the said Ship unless we could lade some other Quintaledge goods in the roome of itt besides Saltpeetre, yet considering our want of Stock and that the Said Lead will turne to proffitt here, as also in China, and that by advices from the Bay, they have a great quantity of Saltpeetre ready to send up hither, to supply our Stores, & that the Ship George cannot be fully laden with other goods, and wee beleiving also that there may be occation of Saltpeetre in England, if any Warr should break out, we say for these considerations we think itt convenient for the Rt Honble Companys affaires, and much for their benefitt, to take the prementioned Lead out of the Said Ship George, and lade Saltpeetre in the room thereof, and have this day order'd itt to be done accordingly, as also to do the same for what Quintaledge of Lead was laden upon the Shrewsbury from England, and to proceed in lading the rest of what goods we have for England upon both said Ships, with respect to what we are to lade upon the Josiah, that is daily expected, all which Ships we are necessitated to send home partly dead freighted for want of Stock & goods to fill them att present, & cannot keep them any longer then p̄ agreement in their Charterparties, if the Commanders pleases, who are very punctuall in that case.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT̃: HIGGINSON.
JN̊: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

7. Sloop James from Enor.

Sloop James arrived in this Road out of Enor River.

8. Letter from Theambaok Bussora.

Recd a Letter from Theamback Bussora to the President.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 10.

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNR	
MR ELIHU YALE	MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS	MR JOHN GRAY
MR THOMAS WAVELL	MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR JOHN CHENEY.	

Warehouse Aocts for December.

The Warehouse day Book of Accompts for the month of December read and past.

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Sea Customers Acct for Decemr.

The Sea Customer Mr John Nicks his Book of Accompts for the month of December read and past as followeth.

Sea Custome	Pago	24 : 07 : 71 :
Anchoridge recd this month	„	9 : 18 : 50 :
Register of Houses and Slaves ...	„	2 : 22 : — :
	P	36 : 11 : 21 :

Storekeepers Acct for Decemr.

The Storekeeper Generall Mr John Cheney his Acct of Stores bought, Sold & expended for the month of December read and past.

Pago 500 to be paid Mr Wavell.

Order'd that Pago 500 be paid Mr Thomas Wavell Paymaster to defray the Charges of the Garrison &ca.

Leave given Mr Bowrey to go on the Shrewsbury.

Mr Thomas Bowrey having desired leave to go for England upon the Shrewsbury, Itt is order'd that the Secretary do give the Commander an order to receive him & his necessarys, he paying for his passage.

Letter to Theamback Bussora.

A Letter from the President to Theamback Bussora read and past.

Capt ffenns occations to be supplied.

In case that Capt ffenn Commander of the Dragon shall have absolute occatiqn for mony to fitt his Ship, Itt is agreed to supply him with any convenient Summe according to his necessity, we having great occation for his Ship, as in former Consultations.

A Plattorm to be raised.

In regard of our breach in Bengall & the near approaching of the Mogull, fearing he may have a designe upon this place, not only to take satisfaction, for what we may do in Bengall & Suratt, but to bring the whole Kingdome of Gulcondah in Subjection to himself Itt is order'd that a Platform to mount Six great Gunns, upon the Town Side of the River, opposite to the Fort Gate, bee forthwith raised for the Security of that side of the Town, the clearing of the Caldeira & Round Points, the River, & the Powder house, which is agreeable to the Rt Honble Compas orders for the Fortifying that side of the Town to the Landward.

William Gyfford.
Elihu Yale.
Tho: Lucas.
John Nicks.
John Gray.
Tho: Wavell.
Nat: Higginson.
Jn: Cheney.

John Stables Secry.

11. Duplicate &ca from Mr Phaulkon.

Recd a Duplicate of Mr Constant Phaulkons Generall dated in Siam the 29th October 1686 with their valluation of Jewells, & Coppy of Capt Samuell Lake's depositions dated the 13th November 1686.

Genll from Madapollam.

Recd a Generall from Madapollam dated the 28th last month.

Genll & Books from Coodaloor.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 5th Instant with their Diary & Consultations commencing January 168⅝ & concluded last month for England, Portonovo Generall Books letter A for Anno 1685 for the Fort & England, Coodaloor Generall Books Letter C for Anno 1685 for the Fort.

Letter from the Capt of Saphir Friggat att Trincomóla.

Recd a Letter from Capt William Bradly Commander of the Saphir Frigatt at Trincomola dated the 18th November 1686 desiring credit there for mony to supply his Ship with provissions having no Stock sent out with him.

12. Letter from Mr Pitt att Acheen.

A Portugues Ship arrived here from Acheen & by her recd a Generall from Mr John Pitt dated in Acheen the 29th last month, giving an accott of the arrivall of the Loyall Adventure near that Road, of his going thether for provission for the

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Slaves, of their hard voyage, & confirmation of Mr Mohun's death, & that Mr Richards has taken his (Mr Mohuns) estate with him to Mergeu, to satisfie a Debt due to the King of Siam.

Mr Loe having leave to come hither for his health, arrived here this morning. Mr Loe from Coodaloor.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNR
MR ELIHU YALE MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS
MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR JOHN CHENEY.

THURSDAY 13.

The Sloop James being formerly order'd to go to Keelecarry near Tootacarry, Itt is now order'd that in her way thether She touch att Trincomola, & carry Pago 1000 to supply the Capt of the Saphir Frigatt with provissions for his passage hither, he advising from thence, that he is in great necessity, & then the said Sloop to proceed to Keelecarry And that M William Cawley do go upon her, to pay the Captain what money he wants to supply his occations out of the said Pago 1000, to treat with Pedda Tombe Mercawne about the Pepper business, to see the said Sloop repaired & procure her lading of Rice, & that Instructions be given him accordingly.

Sloop James to go to Trincomola. Pago 1000 to be sent on her. Capt of the Saphir Frigatt to be supplied. Mr Cawley to go on the Sloop. to treat about Pepper, fitt the Sloop & procure Rice.

Mr Elihu Yale delivers two Letters directed to the President & Councill dated Vizt One the 13th May 1686 formerly read in Councill, the other the 10th Instant, being in answer to Mr Constant Phaulkon's Severall Letters about the Jewells, & att the same time all the papers & affidavitts mention'd therein, were produced, read & examined & found to bee agreable to the import of the said Letters, which are all order'd to be sent home to the Rt Honble Compa p̃ the first conveyance.

Mr Yales answer to Mr. Phaulkons letters.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO : LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO : WAVELL.
NAT̃ : HIGGINSON.
J̊N : CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

Recd a Generall from Pettepollee dated the 28th last month. 13. Genll from Pettepollee.

Recd a Generall from Conimeer dated the 11th Instant. Genll from Conimeer.

Recd a Genll from Coodaloor dated the 12th Inst with Invoyce of 124 Bales of Callicoes laden aboard Sloop Thomas, which they advise to have dispatcht the 10th dto & by her sent the Bill of Lading, & that they shall have remaining by them about 160 or 180 Bales & 70 Baggs of Indigo. 15. Genll &ca from Coodaloor.

Recd a Letter from Pedda Tombe Mercawne to the President. Letter from Pedda Tombe Mercawn.

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Genl from Capt Baten.

Rec[d] a Generall from Cap[t] Batten dated att Trincombar the 10th Instant advising that the two Siam Ships were gone from Pullicherry two dayes before his arrivall there, Standing off to Sea, & that he designes to ply up againe, as fast as he can.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 17.

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERN[R]
M[R] ELIHU YALE M[R] THOMAS LUCAS
M[R] JOHN NICKS M[R] JOHN GRAY
M[R] THOMAS WAVELL M[R] NATH. HIGGINSON
M[R] JOHN CHENEY.

No Rice att Keelecarry. Sloop James to go to Bengall. Capt Bradly to be supplied by the Dutch.

Upon advice from Keelecarry that there is no Rice or Paddy procureable there, Itt is now order'd that Sloop James be sent to Bengall as soon as the Season Serves, and that a Letter be writt to the Governour of Palliacat, to give order to the Chief of Trincomala, to Supply Cap[t] Bradly with what he shall have occation, & that Cap[t] Bradly be order'd to draw a Bill upon us for what he shall receive, which shall be punctually paid.

Slaves to be sent to St. Helena.

Order'd that ten Slaves be sent upon each of the Europe ships for S[t] Helena, to supply that Island.

Mr Harbins answer to the Generall &cas complaints.

Whereas there has been Severall complaints from the Generall &[ca] att Surat against M[r] Robert Harbin, who upon his arrivall here from Siam, was acquainted therewith, & order'd to give his answer thereto which he now delivers in writing, which upon reading was found to be so tart a Stile, that he was reprehended therefore, but he still utterly denies those indecent expressions Cap[t] Prestwick charges him with, And itt is order'd that a Coppy thereof be sent to the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] (for their further examination,) and to the Generall &[ca]. att Surat, by our next, and he desiring leave to go for England upon the George, Itt is order'd that the Secretary do give the Commander an order to receive him and his necessaries upon the R[t] Hon Comp[as] acc[t] & to have the accommodation of the great Cabbin.

to be sent to the Rt Honble Compa & the Generall &ca. Leave to go for England.

Two Surat Ships att Manilla. proposed to Capt Alford to goe and seiz them. he refuseth to goe. as also Capt Earning. Ship Dragon to be fitted.

Having certaine advice that there are two Surat Ships belonging to the Moors, att Manilla, Cap[t] Alford was sent for, (the Dragon not having att present men sufficient to undertake itt) & proposed to him to go to the Streights of Mallacca, to meet & Seiz them in their returne from thence, & bring them hither, or any of the King of Siams Ships, he may meet with, & that he should be considered for loosing his Monsoon to which he answered that his time was expired & that he could not justifie his so doing to his Owners, in regard of the agreement in Charterparty, as also that he should spend his homeward bound provissions, and knew not where afterwards to be supplied, so absolutly refused to go, as also Cap[t] Earning for the same reasons, Itt is therefore order'd that Cap[t] ffenn do fitt his Ship with all expedition with provissions and men, to proceed upon said designe, which he was acquainted with, and the Storekeeper &c[a] order'd to furnish him, with what they could to hasten him.

Capt Fenns request to have his Doctor cleared.

his request granted.

Upon Cap[t] Fenns request to have his Doctor John Cotter cleared from his Ship, and M[r] Robert Harbin's Attestation of a Coppy of the examination of the Dragons men, in relation to their running away att Tonqueen, taken att Siam, as also said M[r] Harbin & M[r] Will[m] Hodges relation to us of the ill carriage & mutinous inclination of the said John Cotter, Wee thinke itt not safe to continue him upon the Ship, and therefore do consent to have him discharged, he himself likewise making itt his Petition, said Attestation, Request, Petition, & discharge being enter'd next after this Consultation.

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Mr Heath desires to go home. Leave granted him.

Francis Heath desiring leave to go for England upon the Shrewsbury, Itt is order'd that the Secretary do give the Commander an order to receive him & his necessarys, he paying for his passage.

Mr Crosman desires to go home. Leave granted him.

John Crosman desiring leave to go for England upon the Shrewsbury, Itt is order'd that the Secretary do give the Commander an order to receive him & his necessarys, he paying for his passage.

P 1000 to be paid Mr Wavell.

Order'd that Pag^o 1000 be paid Mr Thomas Wavell Paymaster to defray the Charges Garrison &c^a.

Generalls and Letters.

Generalls to Conimeer, to Coodaloor, to Pettepollee, to Madapollam, to Capt Bradly att Trincomala, to Metchlepatam, Letters from the President to Verona Governour of Pettepollee & to the Governour of Palliacatt & from Mr John Cheney Storekeeper to Mr Freeman &c^a Councill att Metchlepatam all dated this day read and past.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT; HIGGINSON.
JN: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Sec^ry.

Coppy Capt ffenns request.

May itt please your Honour
&c^a Councill.

Itt having been made manifest that my Doctor John Cotter, hath notoriously played the rouge, in endeavouring to intice all, or the most part of my Ships Company from the Ships Service, to the great hazard of both the Ship & Cargoe then upon her, and thinking itt alltogeather unsafe for me, & Ships Company, as well as for what goods may be laden upon my Ship on the R^t Honble Comp^as accompt to continue such a wicked and mutinous fellow any longer in the Service.

I desire your Hon^r &c^a Councill will please to take him off my hands and do with him, as to your Hon^r &c^a Councills great prudence shall seem most convenient: I am

Hon^d S^r &c^a Councill your most
humble & faithfull servant to command
ANTHONY FENN.

Fort St. George
, 17th Jan^ry 168⅞.

Coppy Mr Harbins Attestation.

Examinations taken of the Dragons men in relation to their running away from Tonqueen, Siam the 26th [*Lacuna in the original*] 1686.

Joseph Leister, Declareth what he is ready to depose on Oath, when required, that the Doctor, and John Palmer on or about the 25th September, tempted him to run away, & declared they intended to buy two Boats, one to waite over the Barr, the other to carry them over, & that they would fitt themselves with Armes Amunition &c^a necessarys out of the Ship, with resolution for Siam, as being the surest refuge, upon which they sealed the contract with severall Bottles of wine, which continued untill the latter end of Novem^r & then itt broak off.

Anthony Highoe, Declares on the same tearmes, with this addition that when the Doctor saw that Joseph Leister (being Steward of the wine) had spent all the wine broak off & every one of the contract, Spending freely on condition, that if the designe did not go on, every one was to contribute in proportion, which being not able to performe, put them that did run away on the desperate attempt.

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John Palmer Confesses the fact and persists in justifying his resolution, that had itt been to do againe, he would have gone, had he an oppertunity.

The Doctor acknowledges the Same with moderation, & a Seeming repentance.

Vera Copia Origñal

ROBT HARBIN.

Coppy of the Doctors Petition.

To the Honble William Gyfford President of the Coast of Chormandell &c^{a} and Governour of Fort St. George &c^{a} Councill.

The humble Petition of John Cotter late Chirurgeon of the Dragon

Most humbly Sheweth, that whereas your Petitioner having been ever since the arrivall of the aforesaid Ship to this Fort kept a prisoner, herin, [*sic*] upon some complaint of Capt ffenn Commander therof & whereas also the said Capt ffenn, has either procured or endeavoured to procure another Chirurgeon, for the said Ship, therby dismissing your said Petitioner, of the said Service, & your Petitioner not knowing any offence by him committed, either worthy of this imprisonment or dismission.

Your Petitionr therefore most humbly implores your Honr &c^{a} to consider the case of your poor Petitioner & grant him a hearing before your Honr &c^{a} and as well dismiss him out of this Prison, as out of the aforesaid Service.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &c^{a}

JOHN COTTER.

To Capt Fenn Commander of Ship Dragon.

Coppy President &c^{s} discharge of Capt ffenns Doctor.

Wee are Sufficiently convinc't of your Docr John Cotters miscarriage aboard your Ship, & of his mutinous inclinations, & therefore we are also of the same opinion with you, that 'tis not safe for the Rt Honble Compas concernes for him to go any longer with you, So we can't but grant, your request to discharge him your Ship, & as for his wages considering what he has done, 'tis a question, whether ever he can recover any thing, but that we must leave to you to defend in England, this being in answer to your paper we remaine

Your very loving friends

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THOMAS LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THOMAS WAVELL.
NATH. HIGGINSON.
JOHN CHENEY.

Fort St. George
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17. Josia from Bengall. Generall &ca from Hugly. Generall &ca from Ballasore. Compas Servants p̄ said Ship. Davis the Interloper.

This evening the Josia Capt Nathaniell Owen Commander, arrived here from Bengall, & brought a Generall from Hugly dated the 15th last month, with Invoyce and Bill of Lading from thence, & a Generall from Ballasore dated 28th ditto, with their Invoyce & Bill of Lading and coppy of Capt Owens demand of a Lading for his Ship dated & delivered there the 21th Decembr 1686. Also severall of the Rt Honble Compas Servants as Mr Ley Mr Cudworth Mr Harding & Mr Farmer, with Thomas Davis the Interloper sent by the Agent & Councill of Bengall.

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Ship Arrivall Richard Harbin Master sailed hence for Moco. — Ship Arrivall for Moco.

18.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Capt Batten dated in Trincombar the 13th Instant. — Genll from Capt Batten.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Metchlepatam dated the 26th last month, with a Letter from the Dutch Seconds Lady to the President about mony owing her by M$_{r}$ Tillotson deceased on accompt of Paddy. — Genll from Metchlepatam. Letter from Dutch Lady.

19.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Capt Bradly dated in Trincomala 7th Octr last. — Genll from Capt Bradly.

Capt ffenn delivers a paper concerning his Doctors wages the contents as followeth. — Capt F'enns paper about his Doctors wages.

Coppy of said paper.

May itt please your Hon^{r} &c^{a} Councill.

I understand my insolent Doctor notwithstanding your Hon^{rs} &c^{a} Councills clemency, to him, the other day, shown in releasing him upon so easy tearmes, after the commission of such faults as I have laid to his charge & proved against him, doth design to Arrest me for his wages, which I humbly conceive are forfeited by the law and not undeservedly, I hope your Hon^{r} &c^{a} Councill will please to consider itt, & not suffer any such process to go on against me, without all reason, & for the encouragment of all such malitious, & rebellious Speritts as he is of, but on the contrary will rather discountenance, & put a check to his proceedings, which I humbly leave to your Hon^{r} &c^{a} Councill and remaine your Hon^{rs} &c^{a} Councill

Most obedient faithfull & humble
Servant to command

ANTHONY FENN

Fort S^{t}. George
19th Jan^{ry} 168⅞.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}	PRESIDENT & GOVERNO^{R}	THURSDAY 20.
MR ELIHU YALE	MR THOMAS LUCAS	
MR JOHN NICKS	MR JOHN GRAY	
M^{R}	M^{R}	

MR JOHN CHENEY.

Order'd that what of the goods from Bengall in the Josia is propper for England, be continued aboard, the rest to be landed. — Josia to be unladen.

Order'd that Lacker ware in the Dragon be traverst to the George & the Copper and Tinn to the Shrewsbury, for Conimeer, with Europe goods, towards complying with their former & latter contract, & there take in what Bales they have in a readiness, & from thence to be dispatcht to Coodaloor, & take in their Bales, and from thence to go for England, & in case she meets with Sloops Thomas & Mary by the way, to take out of them what Bales they have aboard. — Dragons goods to be traverst. Shrewsbury to go to Conimeer. from thence to Coodaloor from thence to England.

Sloop James proving very leaky & not in a condition to take in Europe goods for Conimeer, & being too early to go to Bengall & scarcely able till she be repaired, Itt is order'd that she be sent to Portonovo to fitt there, & then to return with what Bales they may have remaining, & afterwards to proceed for Bengall, as order'd last Consultation, & by reason we have no other Vessell here, that we can spare but the Shrewsbury, to carry the Europe goods to Conimeer, upon their former & latter contract, Itt is order'd to lade upon the Concord a Country Ship So much as she can carry, & to allow the usuall freight, & what shall be wanting of the amount, wee agree to send by the next oppertunity. — Sloop James very leaky. to be sent to Portonovo to fit. Europe goods to be laden on the Concord a Country ship for Conimeer.

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Sloops Thomas & Mary to go to the Rebecca.

Agreed that an order be sent to Sloops Thomas and Mary to go to the Rebecca and take out of her what they can carry of the Rt Honble Compas Cargo from England, to lighten her & bring itt hither.

Concerning the Dragon and Rebecca's going to Zeilon.

Upon inquiry of Severall Manilla Pilotts, we find that the Surat Ship do usually depart from Mallacca homewards about this time of the year, & that the Dragon cannot probably meet with them there, the Winds not Serving, Itt is therefore agreed that the Dragon (with Five & Twenty Souldiers on her) do go to the Rebecca, & both order'd to go to Zeilon, & cruse itt up and down that Coast, till the latter end of March, to meet with them upon their return home, and that Instructions & Commission be given them accordingly, hoping also that they may meet with the two Siam Ships, that lately went off this Coast, before Capt Batten could reach them, itt being too late in the Year for Said Siam Ships to go to Mallacca, and that Capt Fenn Commander of the Dragon have what Powder & other amunition that he may have occation of in this expedition, and afterwards to discourse with him about the cha[ng]ing itt. And that Pagodas Three hundred (or rather to the vallue in Dollars, being more Currant money there) be sent by said Capt Fenn to supply what occations Capt Bradly Commander of the Saphir Frigat lying att Trincomalay, may have for money for his provissions, as he formerly desired, we not being willing to trouble the Dutch & that Capt Bradly be order'd to make the best of his way hither.

Mony to be sent Capt Bradly.

Leave given Mr Loe to go home.

Mr Joseph Loe having made his request to go for England upon one of the Rt Honble Compas Ships now to be dispatcht, for the recovery of his indisposition and memory, Itt is order'd that the Secretry do give him an order to go upon what ship he shall choose, with his necessarys, upon the Rt Honble Compas acct & to have the accommodation of the great Cabbin.

Interloper Davis to be confin'd to the Fort.

The Agent & Councill in Bengall having sent Thomas Davis the Interloper a Prisoner upon the Josia, Itt is order'd that he be confined to the Fort for the present, and that a good Centinell be sett over him, till we consider what to do with him.

Mr. Gray & Mr Cawly's business decided.

Mr John Gray desiring to have the difference betwixt him, and Mr Cawley examined, as orderd in Consultation of the 2d of last month, accordingly Mr Cawley and Mr Gray's wittnesses were sent for, Sworn and examined, & the two papers (enter'd in our Coppy Book of Letters) perused, & by the whole we find itt was only an accidentall & idle quarrell, importing little, however for future example, and because Mr Gray should rather be a keeper then a breaker of the peace, wee think fitt to fine him, as well as Mr Cawley and so order them to pay Pagodas Ten each for the use of the poor of the Church, & that no more be said or done in the business, and concerning those words which Mr Cawley accuseth Mr Gray of in the Postscript to his Petition of calling him an informing Rascall, there being none present but themselves, & Mr Cawley now giving his voluntary Oath, that those words were (to the best of his knowledge) spoaken by Mr Gray, therefore wee think Mr Gray worthy a reprehension, though Mr Cawley does declare, he thinks they were not malitiously spoaken.

Dyamonds to be registred.

Capt Earning, Capt Owen & Capt Alford were order'd to receive no Diamonds, but what register'd, & the Secretarys firm to the particulars.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
JN: CHENEY.

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Sloop Gingerlee William Martin Master arrived here from Vizagapatam and brought a Generall from thence dated the 10th Instant, with Invoyce & Bill of Lading of goods aboard her, the Seer Lascars generall order for passing the R^t Honble Comp^ss affaires, Coppy of a Cowle for the Town of Vizagapatam Anno 1686. Coppy of a Cowle for Narsingapatam alias Monecapatam, and a Passport granted to Mr Browne. 21. Gingerlee from Vizagapatam. Generall &ca from thence.

Rec^d a Letter from Thomas Davis the Interloper dated in Fort St George this day. Letter from Davis Interloper.

Rec^d a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 17th Instant. Generall from Coodaloor.

Generalls to Coodaloor and to Conimeer both dated this day approved & signed. 22. Genlls to Coodaloor & Conimeer.

Ship Burneo Merchant Thomas Flemming Master arrived here from Junckcelon. 23. Burneo Merch^t from Junckcelon.

Rec^d a Generall from Pettepollee dated the 15th Instant, giving no hopes of any goods for this Shipping, the Merchants not being able to comply in time with their contract, by reason of the great ffamine. Genll from Pettepollee.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R		MUNDAY 24.
MR ELIHU YALE	MR THOMAS LUCAS	
MR JOHN NICKS	MR JOHN GRAY	
MR THOMAS WAVELL	MR NATH. HIGGINSON	
MR JOHN CHENEY		

Capt Earning delivers (by his Purser) his Protest for want of a Lading for his Ship George (as enter'd next after this Consultation) to which hee was answered, that his not going to the Bay, had much impeeded our business for want of the goods, that he might have brought from thence, however we should lade him as soon as possibly we could. Capt Earning delivers a Protest. the answer thereto given.

Capt Owen delivers also a Protest for want of a Lading for his Ship Josia (as enter'd next after this Consultation) to which he was answered, that the long time he spent in carreening his Ship in the Bay, & not calling at the Northern ffactorys, to bring away their goods, itt being soe late in the year, that the Agent & Councill could not send him thether as order'd, by which wee are disappointed of their goods, & that he arriveing here soe latly was not as yet unladen, however we being in dayly expectations of the Northern goods by some other conveyance, we hoped to dispatch him so, as to save his Monsoon. Capt Owen delivers a Protest. the answer given thereto.

In regard of the Mogulls near approach to the Southern Factorys & our present warr in the Bay against him, Itt was taken into consideration, whether 'twere best, to send the Europe goods as order'd to Conimeer or not, but here being no certainty thereof, & considering the great damage may come to the goods by lying by, & that the truck of such a quantity of Europe goods for Callicces, to be brought in by the latter end of June next, is of so great import & advantage to the R^t Honble Comp^s in the Lading for their Shipping, besides the advance on the sale of the Europe goods, and not questioning but to have all the Investment in, before the troubles reach these parts if the Mogull should proceed, Itt is resolv'd and agreed that they be sent as formerly order'd. Considera-tion of sending Europe goods to Conimeer or noe. Agreed to be sent as order'd.

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Davis the Interlopers letter read and considered to be sent for tomorrow. his being sent from Bengall hither disallowed.

The Letter latly rec[d] from Thomas Davis the Interloper, was read & considered and order'd that M[r] Higginson do lett him know, that tomorrow wee shall send for him, to inquire what Security he can give to indemnify the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] from what Debts he has contracted with the Moors during his residence in the Bay, & discourse further of the business, Though wee as yet wholly disallow of the Agent & Councills seizing & sending him prisoner hither, since the President might & would have done the same when he was in the Bay, but that the consideration of being answerable for his Debts to the Merchants & Government, was a sufficient reason to the contrary.

Paymasters Aoct for Decembr.

The Paymaster M[r] Thomas Wavell his Book of Acct[s] for the month of December read and past as followeth.

Charges Garrison	...	...	...	Pag[o]	636 : 34 : 00
Charges Generall	...	...	...	„	399 : 05 : –
Charges Diett	...	...	...	„	388 : 24 : 37
Charges Extraordinary		...	...	„	59 : 29 : 83
Charges Cattle	...	...	...	„	43 : 36 : –
Charges Merchandise	...	...	...	„	40 : 26 : –
Acct ffortifications &c[a]		...	...	„	137 : 07 : –
				P	1706 : 18 : 36

Damaged goods p Sloop Thomas to be disposed of.

also some Mindanão goods.

There being Eleaven Bales of brown Ginghams damaged on Sloop Thomas from Madapollam, which upon whitening att Metchlepatam, (where said Sloop put in loosing her Monsoon), proved rotten, & their condition being viewed by the Councill, Itt is order'd that the Warehouskeeper, makes use of them for wrappers, and Slaves clouts, or other uses as he shall see convenient, & to do the same with some of the Mindanao goods, which prove in the like condition.

Mr Cawley assistant to ye Paymaster.

Order'd that M[r] Cawley be assistant to the Paymaster.

P 600 to be paid Mr Wavell.

Order'd that Pag[o] 600 be paid M[r] Thomas Wavell Paymaster to defray the Charges Garrison &c[a].

Sloop Gingerlee to be unladen. Europe goods for Conimeer to be laden aboard her. She is order'd to go to ye Rebecca.

Order'd that what goods in Sloop Gingerlee from Vizagapatam are propper for England be traverst aboard the George, & the rest brought ashoar, & if there be any remaining Europe goods for Conimeer, to compleat their contracts, over and above what laden on the Shrewsbury and the Concord, that they be laden on board her & that she be dispatcht for said place, & after delivery thereof, that she proceed to the Rebecca & take out of her what she can conveniently carry of the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] cargo to lighten her, and bring them hither.

Dispatches read & past.

Generalls read & past.

Cap[t] Alfords dispatch to the Southern Factorys, & for England not dated Commission & dispatch to Cap[t] Fenn, for the Coast of Zeilon, Dispatches to Sloops Mary and Gingerlee to go to the Rebecca, Generall to Cap[t] Bradly att Trincomala, to be sent p Ship Dragon Three Generalls to Cap[t] Batten to be sent Viz[t] One p Each Sloop, & the other p Cap[t] Fenn dated this day read and past.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J⅞: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Sec[ry].

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Coppy Capt. Earnings Protest.

To the Honble William Gyfford Esqr President & Govern^r &c^a Councill on the Coast of Cormandell & Bay of Bengall &c^a for Affairs of the R^t Honble the Governour & Company of Merchants of London trading to the East Indies.

Whereas a Charterparty indented of a freightm^t made in London the 31th day of December 1684 between the R^t Honble the Governour & Comp^a of Merchants of London trading into the East Indies, on the one part, & Mr John Mordent, & Mr Thomas Gray of London Merchants part Owners of the Ship George & Capt Nehemiah Earning Mariner, Master of the said Ship on the other part, Wittnesseth, that amongst many other things, itt is agreed by & between the parties aforesaid, that the said Governour & Comp^a their Agents, Factors or Assignes, shall not detaine the said Ship in India, any longer, then the 20th day of January 1686, & in case that after the expiration of the said 20th day of January, all or any part of the Said Ships Lading shall bee wanting yet the said Governour & Company do agree, that then the said Ship shall returne for England, the Commander having first made Legall demand thirty dayes before his coming away, & due Protest for want of the said ships Lading, & att the Ships arrivall in England, the said Governour & Company do covenant to pay the said part Owners & Master, the full freight of Five hundred Fifty Three Tonns, & what Demorage shall be due to the time of her setting Saile for England, or to the expiration of the aforesaid Twentieth day of January One Thousand Six hundred & Eighty Six.

Having according to Charterparty made Legall demand for Lading for the Ship George, I Nehemiah Earning Commander of the said Ship, do hereby, in the behalf of all whom itt may concerne, Protest against the Honble William Gyfford Esqr President & Governo^r the Worp^ll Elihu Yale Mr Thomas Lucas &c^a Councill att Fort St George, for affairs of the R^t Honble English East India Company for all such Costs, Losses & Damages as may accrue or befall the Owners of the said Ship, from the R^t Honble the Governour and Company for want of her lading, and dispatch the foresaid Twentieth of January being expired, and the said Ship George being ready and every way capable (by Gods blessing) to performe her voyage home to England, In Wittness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, Dated in Fort St George the 24th day of Jan^ry 168⅞.

Signed & delivered in the presence of us. NEHE. EARNING.

THO. OYLES.
PHIL. OYLES.

Coppy Capt Owens Protest.

Whereas there was an affreightment & Charterparty made & dated the 20th February 1684 between the R^t Honble Company of Merchants of London trading into the East Indies on the one part, & the Owners of the Ship Josia, on the other part, and amongst many other Articles & agreements in the aforesaid Charterparty mention'd, & Specified, there is one Article, wherein agreement is made, that the said Ship, shall be kept in India, no longer then the 20th January 1686 & that att the expiration of that time, the Said Ship is to return home for England, due demand & Protest being first made for want of her Lading, and dispatch to the Honble the President Agent & Chief Factors, where the said Ship shall then happen to be

In order therefore to Charterparty I Nathaniell Owen Commander of the said Ship in the behalf of Mr John Cook & Mr Justus Otgar Merchants &c^a part Owners, do Protest against the Honoura^ble William Gyfford Esqr the Worp^ll Elihu Yale Esqr Mr Thomas Lucas and &c^a Councill att Fort St George, for the affaires of the R^t Honble Comp^a for all Losses, Costs & Damages that may accrue or befall, the Owners of said Ship from the R^t Honble Company for want of her Loading

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and dispatch, the 20th of January aforesaid being expired, and she the said Ship being ready to performe, (by Gods blessing) her voyage home for England, Dated att Fort St George the 24th January 1686.

Delivered in the presence of us. NATHANLL OWEN.

WM PARKER.

24 Generall from Capt Batten.

Recd a Generall from Capt Batten dated in Trincombar the 19th Instant.

Letter from the Commissary att Trincombar.

Recd a Letter from the Commissary att Trincombar dated the 19th Inst desiring our permission for Bartholomew Gestenberg[*sic*] & Peter Juelman to take their passage for England upon one of the Rt Honble Compas Ships.

25 Sloop Thomas with a Generll &ca from Coodaloor.

Sloop Thomas arrived here from Coodaloor, & brought a Generll dated the 10th Inst with Bill of Lading for 124 Bales of Callicoes aboard her.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAO afternoon

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR	
MR ELIHU YALE	MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS	MR JOHN GRAY
MR THOMAS WAVELL	MR NATH HIGGINSON

MR JOHN CHENEY.

TUESDAY 25

Goods in Sloop Thomas to be traverst to the Shrewsbury, to go to the Rebecca.

Order'd that the Bales in Sloop Thomas from Coodaloor be traverst aboard the Shrewsbury, & then that said Sloop do go to the Rebecca, & take out of her, what she can conveniently carry of the Rt Honble Compas Cargo, & bring itt hither.

Land Customers Acct for Decemr.

The Land Customer Mr John Gray his Book of Accompts for the month of December read and past as followeth.

Land Custome	Pago	8 : 32 : 64
Choultry & Petty Land Custome	,,	8 : 18 : 28
Paddy Toll att the Banksall ...	,,	4 : 18 : 32
Measurers duty	,,	14 : 15 : 01
Weighers duty	,,	—: 30 : 12
	P.	37 : 03 : 37

P 200 to be paid Mr. Cheney.

Order'd that Pago 200 be paid Mr John Cheney Storekeeper generall to defray the Charges of the Rt Honble Compas Sloops &ca.

Leave given two Danes to go on the Shrewsbury.

The Commissary of Trincombar having desired leave for Bartholomew Gerstenberg, & Peter Juelman to take their passage for England upon one of the Rt Honble Compas Ships, & they now making itt their Petition to go on the Shrewsbury (as enterd next after this Consultation) Itt is order'd that the Secretary do give the Commander an order to receive them & their necessarys, they paying for their passage.

Davis the Interloper sent for.

According as itt was agreed yesterday Thomas Davis the Interloper was sent for, & what writt from Bengall, concerning him in their Generall of the 15th of last month, was read to him, which he in generall denied, then itt was demanded of him, what security he could give to indemnify the Rt Honble Compa from the Debts he had contracted with the Moores in the Bay during his residence there, which we understand by Capt Owen & Mr Thomas Ley late one of the Councill of Hugly, was demanded by the Governour of the Agent before their coming from

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thence to which he answered, that he could give none but his own Bond, but withall did affirm, that in reallity he owed nothing there, as he would make itt appear to us in writing, so after a long discourse on both sides, he was dismist for the present & order'd to be confined to the Fort as before, till we see his said writing & consider further of the business, itt being of a very great import to the Rt Honble Comp.a

Generall to Capt Batten dated yesterday & Sloop Thomas dispatch to the Rebecca dated this day read and past. Generall & Dispatch.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J$^{o}_{N}$: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

To the Honble William Gyfford President of the Coast of Chormandell &ca Councill. Coppy two Danes Petition.

The humble Petition of Bartholomew Gerstenberg & Peter Juelman.

Humbly Sheweth,

Whereas your Petitioners Subjects to his Majesty the King of Denmarke, Ally to his Majesty the King of great Brittain &ca have obtained leave from the Commissary of Trincombar, for takeing their passages upon any Ships (on which they may procure liberty) for their native Country, there being none of their Country Ships now here designed thether.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly request your Honr &ca will permit your said Pet̃ to take their passages upon the Shrewsbury one of the Rt Honble English East India Compas Ships now designed for England, they Satisfying the Commander therof for the same.

And your Pet̃ as in duty bound shall for ever pray &ca.

The Bill of Lading for what shipt on the Concord, with a Letter inclosing itt from the Secretary sent p̃ said Ship, for Conimeer. 26 Bill of Lading sent p̃ Concord.

Information being given of Treasonable words spoak aboard the Ship George the Commander Capt Nehemiah Earning was order'd to send for the person that spoake them, & the accusers ashoar to be examined. Information of Treasonable words spoak in the George.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNr		THURSDAY 27
Mr ELIHU YALE	Mr THOMAS LUCAS	
Mr JOHN NICKS	Mr JOHN GRAY	
Mr THOMAS WAVELL	Mr NATH. HIGGINSON	
Mr JOHN CHENEY.		

Mr Elihu Yale read his Journall of the Generall Books of Accompts for the month of December, and part of January which was past in Councill. Journall for Decr & part Janry.

Sloop James Henry Wheedon Master his dispatch for Portonovo dated this day read and past. Sloop James dispatch.

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Leave given Mr Cudworth to go for England.

Mr Samuell Cudworth making his request in writing (as enter'd next after this Consultation), to go for England upon the Josia, for the reasons therein mention'd, he was sent for in, & told that he should have any imployment in the Rt Honble Compas Service (according to his station) that offer'd, if he were willing to stay, & further demanded of him, what further reasons he had for his going, having this expression in his said request, (besides many others that might bee added) to which he answer'd, that those were to himself, but one was, that he had received a great abuse in the Bay, being sett upon by the Moors, and in regard he could find no redress, he was resolved to go home, (though we told him, the Rt Honble Compa was now resolved to take satisfaction for all abuses done to themselves and their Servants) therefore itt is order'd that the Secretary do give the Commander an order to receive him, and his necessarys he paying for his passage.

Concerning James Harding.

Mr James Harding having desired us to take into consideration his Sallary, since the time the President and Councill in the Bay reentertain'd him in the Rt Honble Compas Service, which was the 19th of September 1684 to the 27th of August last, when the Agent & Councill had dismist him, as p̃ their Letter of the 15th of last month, referring him to us, and paid him Two hundred Rupees for his late service att Cassimbuzar; & wee finding him to bee of Senr Merchants degree all that time, Itt is order'd that he be paid after the rate of Forty pounds p̃ Ann, deducting what he has already received, and likewise to peruse their Diary when itt comes, to know the cause of his dismission, they haveing said nothing about itt in their said Letter, and then to consider what to doe with him, but att present to remaine as he is.

Capt Earning desires Pago 500. order'd to be paid him.

Capt Earning having made his request (as enter'd next after this Consultation) for 500 Pago to supply his Ship George with provissions, as p̃ agreemt in Charterparty Itt is order'd to be paid him, & to be esteemed as Dollars 875 being 17½ tale p̃ 10 Pago, that being the Buzar price.

Dragon & Sloop Thomas to cruse on the Coast of Zeilon

In regard of the lateness of the year, & the long time the Sloops will be taking out the Rt Honble Compas Cargo from the Rebecca, Itt is order'd that the Dragon proceed to the Coast of Zeilon without her, and Sloop Thomas to attend her.

William Gyfford.
Elihu Yale.
Tho: Lucas.
John Nicks.
John Gray.
Tho: Wavell.
Nat: Higginson.
J⅞: Cheney.

John Stables Secry.

Honourable Sr

Coppy Mr Cudworths req.

Being entertain'd by the Rt Honble East India Compa in their Service for the Bay of Bengall, & having continued there accordingly untill the Honble Compas orders came for the withdrawing all their Factorys in the Bay, and being uncapable of rendring them any Service in those parts by reason of the Warrs, & finding the air of India very prejudiciall to my health, disagreeing with my constitution, these considerations, besides many others that might bee added, makes me very desirous of imbracing this oppertunity, of returning for England, accordingly do request your Honrs concurrance herein, & that your Honr would please to give your order for my taking passage on the Josia Capt Owen, I am

Rt Honble

Fort St George
27th Janry 168⅞.

Your Honrs most humble servt
Samuell Cudworth.

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Hon^{d} S^{r}.

Our long stay here in the Country hath much streightned me for money for the Ships use, therefore request your Hon^{r} would please to order Five hundred Pagodas, to be paid mee, for Accompt of Ship George. Coppy Capt Earnings request for Pago 500.

Hon^{d} S^{r}
Your most obedient humble
Servant
NEHEMIAH EARNING.

Fort St George
26th Jan^{ry} 168⅞.

Ship Concord Domingo Carneiro Master sailed for Conimeer. 27. Concord for Conimeer.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 22th Instant. Generall from Coodaloor.

The person that was charged with speaking Treasonable words aboard the George, as also the accuser being brought ashoar, as order'd yesterday, the examination was taken by the Justices, which was sent to the President this evening att Seven a Clock, & enter'd in our Coppy Book of Letters rec^{d}. Examination of the Georges men about treasonable words.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Conimeer dated the 25th Ins^{t} with coppy of theirs of the 13th November last to Coodaloor. 28. Generall from Conimeer.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRÃO AFTERNOON

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^{R}		FRIDAY 28.
MR ELIHU YALE	MR THOMAS LUCAS	
MR JOHN NICKS	MR JOHN GRAY	
MR THOMAS WAVELL	MR NATH. HIGGINSON	
MR JOHN CHENEY.		

Taking into consideration the lateness of the Season & contrary winds which makes the Dragons meeting with the Surat Manilla Ships upon the Coast of Zeilon, very doubtfull, & that in going to Persia, she will have the same opportunity, by touching & staying some time att Zeilon & the Coast of India, & may probably meet with other prises, a freight also offering for Persia, which may something defray the charge of her demorage, 'tis therefore agreed and order'd that the said freight be accepted of, & that she proceed on the voyage the 5th of Febru^{ry} next, for Gombroon, & that Mr Ambrose Moody & Mr Robert Leveson be sent upon her, to receive the freight for the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} & invest as much thereof in Persia, as will lade the Ship with Grain, & that the Commander do carry his Commission along with him, that if in his way thether, he should meet with any price, he may be impower'd to seiz on them & bring them hither, and that the freight be ten p̃ Cen^{t} for fine goods, & fifteen p̃ Cen^{t} for course goods, to be paid there in Spetie, but if his voyage being hindred by taking of any prise, then the Freighters are to pay no freight, in consideration they runn the hazard of their goods in engaging with an Enemy, and loosing their markets, in case the Ship should returne, and that twelve Souldiers with Red Coates, be sent aboard, for addition to his Strength, & that notice be given as enter'd next after this Consultation. Dragon to go to Persia. Mr Moody & Mr Leveson on her. freight ord^{r}d

Mr John Coventry the Clerk of the Court was now sent to Thomas Davis the Interloper, to know if his writing was ready, that hee promised on the five & Twentieth Instant, to which he return'd for answer, that he had none to deliver, and that he thought Mr Coventry, had either misunderstood or forgot his message, Itt is therefore order'd that we send for him on Munday next, and in the meantime, to consider well what to do with him. Message sent to Davis the Interloper. his answer thereto. Order'd to be sent for a Munday.

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Person speaking Treasonable words to be try'd in England.

The examination taken last night by the Justices about speaking Treasonable words was read in Councill and in regard the time will not admit to have a tryall here, by reason of the necessity of the Suddain dispatch of the Ship for England, Itt is ordered that the accuser be bound over to prosecute the offender in England, that Cap[t] Earning be bound to deliver him, att his arrivall att his first Port in England, to the next Justice of peace, & the offender to be sent aboard a Prisoner for England.

Packing Stuff to be sent to Coodaloor.

Order'd that Ropes, Gunnys and Twine be sent aboard the Sloop James for Coodaloor Factory, they having advised us in the Gen[ll] rec[d] yesterday to be in want thereof.

P 1000 to be sent to Conimeer.

M[r] Willcox Chief &c[a] Councill att Conimeer, having requested a Supply for their Washers or elce they will leave them, & the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] business stand still, Itt is order'd that P[ag]o 1000 be sent thether overland, though att this time we can but ill spare itt.

Sloop Mary to be returned from Coodaloor.

Having no occation for Sloop Mary to the Southward Itt is order'd that they fill her with Grain if they can & send her hither, if not, to send her empty.

Shrewsburys men to be Muster'd.

Order'd that M[r] Wavell go aboard the Shrewsbury and Muster the Ships Company.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J⅘: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Sec[ry].

Notice of the Dragons going for Persia.

These are to give notice to all persons that the Ship Dragon Cap[t] Anthony Fenn Commander will Saile (by Gods permission) for Gombroon in Persia, the fifth day of the next month, & that whoever is desirous to lade on said Ship, are to repair to M[r] Nath Higginson & M[r] John Cheney and give in an acc[t] what goods they have to send, the freight being orderd to be ten p[r] C[t] for fine goods & fifteen p[r] Cent for course, to be paid in Spetie att the said Port of Gombroon. Dated in Fort S[t] George the 28th day of January 168⅘.

By order of the President & Councill.
JOHN STABLES Sec[ry].

28. Sloop James dispatch deliver'd.

Delivered Henry Wheedon Master of Sloop James his Dispatch for Porto-novo.

29. Quedah Mercht from Bengall. Packett p[r] ditto from thence.

Ship Quedah Merchant William Hilder Master, arrived here from Bengall, & brought a packett containing Generall to the Fort dated in Hugly River the 23th of last month, Ditto Ships Charterparty, the Quedah Merchants Bill of Lading, the Georges Bill of Lading, the Trevicanes Bill of Lading the Princesses Bill of Lading, Invoyce of said Ships lading, Edward Inglish his Bond Acc[t] of Seamens wages belonging to the King of Siams Ship, A List of Generall Books sent home, (in a Box Hugly Diary & Consultations for the Fort, from July to November 1686 Hugly Diary & Consultations for England, for the year 1686 Hugly Coppy Book of Letters rec[d], Ditto of Letters sent, one Bundle of Generall Books of the Bay for England) A List of the Packett, And passengers on said Ship M[r] Raynes & his wife, M[r] Inglish & his wife, M[rs] Haynes M[r] Jordon & M[r] Phillips.

Passengers on said Ship.

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Generalls to Coodaloor & to Conimeer dated this day approved and signed. Genlls to Coodaloor & Conimeer.

Sloop James sailed this morning early for Portonovo. 30. Sloop James for Portonovo.

This evening Pag° 1000 was sent overland to Conimeer p̄ Peons. P 1000 sent to Conimeer.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR	PRESIDENT & GOVERNR	MUNDAY 31.
MR ELIHU YALE	MR THOMAS LUCAS	
MR JOHN NICKS	MR JOHN GRAY	
MR THOMAS WAVELL	MR NATH HIGGINSON	
MR JOHN CHENEY.		

The Presidents Cash Book for this present month was read and past the Ballance being ... ... Pag° 10055 : 16 : 1. Cash acct for January.

Thomas Davis sends a letter this morning which was perused, & being in expectation of the Box of Bengall Books to come ashoar from the Quedah Merchant, Itt is order'd that when we have perused their Diary & Consultations concerning him, that he be sent for again. Letter from Davis Interloper.

Orderd that what goods in the Quedah Merchᵗ are propper for England (except the Saltpeetre) be traverst to the Josia, & the rest brought ashoar. Quedah Mercht to be unladen.

In regard we are in want att present of an Ensigne, & John Comer who is next to Succeed in that place, not being fitting for itt, Itt is order'd that James Henchman being next to him, & a sober, dilligent man, do supply the place, and that a Commission be given him. Henchman made Ensigne. A Commission to be given him.

Mr Thomas Wavell reports the Muster of Ship Shrewsburys men, to bee 56 living, but of the dead & runaway the Capt could give no accompt. Report of the Muster of the Shrewsbury's men.

Mr Henry Mose being very sick, & Mr Samll Barron not return'd from Emoy, Itt is order'd that Mr Fraser & Mr Willcox do assist Mr DuBois in making up the China goods and attest the particulars. Persons to make up China goods.

Mr Joseph Loe having desired Mr John Davis & Mr Henry Alford to be his Atturneys, wee do approve thereof, & Mr Loe being in a crazy conditon, to satisfie him, we will give them our best advice therein. Mr Loe Atturneys.

Capt Owen having offer'd 3 Bales of Nillaes containing 300 p̄s he bought att Ballasore, att the Rt Honble Compas price, accompting Rups 3½ to a Pagoda, which Mr Lucas having viewed & now reports them to be the same Sort, with those of the Rt Honble Compas of N° 6 Itt is agreed to take them upon their acct att said price, & to give him a Bill payable in August next, att ten p̄ Cent intrest p̄ Aññ, & that they be sent aboard his Ship for England. Nillaes bought of Capt Owen. A Bill to be given for their amt. to be shipt aboard the Josia.

William Phillips delivers his Petition, (as enter'd next after this Consultation) to be permitted to go for England on the Josia for the reasons therein given which is granted him, & order'd that the Secretary do give the Commander an order to Wm Phillips desires to go home. he is permitted to goe.

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receive him, & his necessarys he paying for his passage, because he hath not served out his Covenanted time to the Rt Honble Comp^a^.

William Gyfford.
Elihu Yale.
Tho: Lucas.
John Nicks.
John Gray.
Tho: Wavell.
Nat: Higginson.
J. Cheney.

John Stables Sec^ry^.

Coppy of Wm Phillips Petition.

To the Honble William Gyfford Esqr & Govern^r^ of Fort St George &c^a^ Councill for affairs of the R^t^ Honble English East India Company.

The humble Petition of William Phillips

Sheweth

That your Petitioner hath served the R^t^ Honble English East India Comp^a^ two year & four months in the Bay of Bengall, during which time he hath never enjoyed perfect health (unless att my first arrivall there for about three months) therefore most humbly requesteth your Hon^r^ &c^a^ Councill's leave, to go home to England, on the Josiah, since the R^t^ Worp^ll^ Job Charnock Esqr Agent &c^a^ Councill of Bengall, hath granted itt already, & the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ hath possitivly orderd the same, wherefore most heartily desire that your Hon^r^ &c^a^ Councill will be pleased to confirme the order to Capt Owen which your Hon^r^ hath seen.

Fort St George
31st Jan^ry^ 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

31. Shrewsburys dispatch deliver'd.

Ship Shrewsbury's dispatch for the Southern Factory's & England was dated this day & delivered to the Commander, Capt Robert Alford.

Feebruary ~ pmo. Genlls to Coodaloor & Conimeer.

Generalls to Coodaloor & to Conimeer dated this day approved, signed and this morning sent forward.

2. Ship Shrewsbury sailed.

This morning early Ship Shrewsbury Capt Robert Alford Commander sailed hence for the Southern Factorys and England.

Bill given Capt Owen for P 246.

Given Capt Owen a Bill for Pag^e^ 246 payable in 6 months att ten p̃ Cent Intrest p̃ Annum, being for 3 Bales of Nillaes bought of him.

Att a Consultation

Present

Thursday 3.

William Gyfford Esqr President & Govern^r^	
Mr Elihu Yale	Mr Thomas Lucas
Mr John Nicks	Mr John Gray
Mr Thomas Wavell	Mr Nath. Higginson
Mr John Cheney.	

Generll to the Rt Honble Compa. Ships men to be Muster'd.

The Generall Letter to the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ dated this day to be sent by the Shrewsbury read and past.

Order'd that Mr John Cheney goe aboard the George and Josia & muster the Ships Company.

China goods to be laden on ye Josia.

Order'd that what goods brought from China in the Shrewsbury are propper for England, be laden aboard the Josia.

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Order'd that Pag° 1000 be paid Mr Thomas Wavell Paymaster to defray the Charges Garrison &c^a And Pag° 50 to Narso &c^a Washers on acc^t of Washing & Curing the R^t Honble Comp^as Callicoes. P 1000 to be paid Mr Wavell. P 50 to be paid the Washers.

William Phillips now shewing an order from the Agent & Councill of Bengall to Capt Owen, to carry him for England upon the R^t Honble Comp^as acc^t which he produced not before, when wee order'd him to pay for his passage, Itt is therefore thought convenient to approve and confirme the said order. Wm Phillips to go home on the Rt Honble Compas accompt.

The R^t Honble Comp^as order for the paying of 5 p̃ Cen^t, Custome, was taken into consideration, & much debated, whether itt extended to their own Covenanted Servants, & finding by the Generall of the 14th January 168⅝ from the Honble Private Committee, to the President Capt Yale & Capt Lucas, that itt is left to them to persuade the Portugues, & Natives to the Payment of itt, or to deferr itt if they thought convenient, which was brought to a Generall Councill & there debated and concluded, that in regard they pay att present more then the 5 p̃ C^t & not discontented att itt, itt is thought convenient, to let itt stand as itt is, but no mention therein made of their own Servants, thô they seem to be comprehended in their Generall to the President & Councill, of the same date, yet itt being dubious, we agree for the present, to write to their Hon^rs, desiring their favour to us, that they would bee pleased not to require more of us, then we have formerly paid, & that we may have something more of priviledge, then freemen or Natives have for our encouragm^t & in regard times are so troublesome, and trading dead, we do agree to forbear demanding itt from the English freemen att present, and that what the R^t Honble Comp^a shall possitivly order hereafter, shall be punctually complied with. Concerning paying 5 p̃ Ct Custome.

Finding in the Bengall Consultation Book, that att a Consultation of the 8th Novr 1686 Mr Francis Ellis & Mr John Beard do report that the Rup^s 5000 paid into the R^t Honble Comp^as Cash att Hugly on the 19th Jan^ry 168⅘ in Bowannidas his name, by the late Agent Beard, was the propper mony & estate of the deceased Mr John Richards, of which also the President has advice in a Letter to him from Agent Charnock, & that we may either take itt out of the R^t Honble Comp^as Cash here, or order itt to be so done in the Bay, to be remitted hither, for the use of Elizabeth Richards, & another of his Children in England, therefore considering that the said Orphan here hath nothing to maintaine her, besides two years diett, & other necessarys for her to be paid for, Itt is order'd that itt be paid to the President for their acc^t & because we are in want of money att present, to be made rec^d in the R^t Honble Comp^as Cash, & a Bill given for the same, att 10 p̃ Cen^t Intrest p̃ Ann̄ accompting Rup^s 3½ to a Pag° & that we advise thereof to Bengall that they allow what Intrest due thereon, from the time the money was paid into the R^t Honble Comp^as Cash there, to this time, & remit us the same as soon as conveniently they can, for the use of said Children. Concerning Rups 5000 of Mr John Richards estate.

In regard the Agent & Councill in Bengall, have sent up Thomas Davis the Interloper, as a Prisoner upon the Josia (which we still disapprove of) without any proof of what Debts he has contracted with the Moors, during his residence in the Bay, we have had divers debates what to do with him in this case, whether to detaine him a Prisoner here, send him to England, or back to the Bay, which hath appeared very difficult for us to determine, by reason of some inconveniencys on all hands, however beleiving that he is much in Debt there (& having Mr Lee's Attestation (as enter'd next after this Consultation) concerning itt, & what Capt Owen has said to us about itt, that itt was so generally reported in Bengall, before he came from thence, that the Moors Govern^r demanded him of the Agent &c^a for his Debt to the Merchants) we conclude itt best, not to grant him passage on any of our Ships, till we can have certaine advices from the Bay, how itt is, least if we should part with him, the Moors may charge the R^t Honble Comp^a with what he owes, & place itt to their Acc^t whenever the business in the Bay shall be made up, & therefore Mr Gray Mr Higginson & Mr Cheney are order'd Concerning Davis the Interloper.

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to tell said Davis, that we cannot permitt him to go for England, upon any of the Rt Honble Compas Ships, but if he can find good security for his appearance, when we shall require itt, he may have the priviledge of going where he pleases in the Town, & that we shall write to the Bay for better information concerning him.

This Book orderd to be closed.

Order'd that this Book be closed, & coppy thereof sent to the Rt Honble Compa. by Ship George, and a new one begun.

William Gyfford.
Elihu Yale.
Tho: Lucas.
John Nicks.
John Gray.
Tho: Wavell.
Nat: Higginson.
J. Cheney.

John Stables Secry.

Coppy Mr Lees Attestation.

Thomas Ley of Councill for affaires of the Rt Honble Compa in the Bay of Bengall now here present, reports that Thomas Davis Inhabitant there, some time in August or the beginning of September, last, was Seized by some order of the Agent & Councill att Hugly or some of them, to which order for more certainty he referrs.

And that the Moors Governr did thereupon send to the Agent demanding that the said Davis should be delivered to him, insisting that the said Davis was a Debtor to Severall of the Country Merchants, who had made complaint, that their Debtor was carried away by the English, without any Satisfaction made them, as he alledged in divers messages that passed on that occation.

Tho. Ley.

Fort St George
7th [*sic.*] Febry 168⅘

4. Genlls to Coodaloor & Conimeer. Siam Books &ca recd of Mr Robert Harbin.

Generalls to Coodaloor & to Conimeer dated this day approved & signed & with the latter, sent the Rt Honble Compas packet for the Shrewsbury.

Recd of Mr Robert Harbin late Chief of Siam, the following particulars Viz: Leidger for the year 1680–1681 A Journall & two Leidgers for 1683 kept by Mr Wm Strangh, two Leidgers for 1685–1686 Stewards Book of Expences from Septr 1685 to November 1686. Ship Prudent Marys Invoyce & Bill of Lading for Surat four Bills of Hodgee Sellins returned not paid Viz: for 725½ Tomands, for 200 Tomands taken up att Persia for Rupa 2520 & for Rupa 630 taken up att Fort St George, also severall old papers in the Siam Language endorsed Viz: Seck Mauns Bill, Noy Tamalean's receipt for House rent, Ocuntorah Sumbitts Obligation, House rent, Stickman, Surchnonts Bill, Gingo's Bill, Mr Strangh's Petition, In Dutch a paper of the Tara, In English, two Accots of Nongchay Pockdee, Olungrachay's Acct, Senr Nicholas acct, Ocanpisa Sumbatts Accott, Nicolas China's Obligation, Queens Merchants acct, Hans Jurys acct, Chowcruah Siculat's acct, Senr, Hans Jury's acct, & a List of Debts owing to the Rt Honble Compa by severall persons in Siam.

Trevicane from Bengall and Vizagapatam. Genll &o from Vizagapā, Bill drawn for Pago: 2612.

This evening Ship Trevicane John Strangways Master arrived here from Bengall & Vizagapatam, but brought no advices from the former, from the latter a Generall dated the 21st January last, with Invoyce & Bill of Lading for 31 Bales of Callicoes laden aboard her from thence, & drawn a Bill for P 2612.

Note.—The Diary and Consultations of the period February 4 to July 25, 1687, have been taken from Public Consultations, Vol. XII, pp. 1—124.

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Mr Ralph Ingram having recovered his health, returned this morning to his former Station att Coodaloor. Mr Ingram went to Coodaloor.

Order to Capt Nehemiah Earning Commander of Ship George to carry Charles Simmons a Prisoner to England dated this day, approved & Signed. Order to Capt Earning. 6.

Ship George William Brooks Master arrived from Bengall but brought no advices from thence. George from Bengall.

This being the day on which his Majesty King James the 2nd began his happy reigne, there was 29 great Guns & 4 Vollies small Shot fired. Great Guns fired.

Recd a Generall from Madapollam dated the 24th past, advising to have laden upon a Ship called Tobaccaloe, Hussanee Master, 70 long and 70 short Timbers, & now sent an Acct of their remaines taken the 31st Decr last, Coppy of the Stewards Book of Expences, & of their Dyary, Consultations & Letters recd & sent for England, Coppy of Dyary, Consultations, Acct Cash, Stewards acct of Expences, & his Acct Currant for Novembr & Decembr also the particulars of disburstments on Ship Sta Rosa, Sloops Madapollam and Mary. Genll &ca from Madapollam.

Recd a Generall from Conimeer dated the 4th Instant advising of the Shrewsbury's arrivall there, that morning. Genll from Conimeer.

Recd a Letter from Capt Batten dated in Trincombar the 29th past. Letter from Capt Batten.

Att a Consultation

Present MUNDAY 7.

William Gyfford Esqr President & Governour	
Mr Elihu Yale	Mr Thomas Lucas
Mr John Nicks	Mr. John Gray
Mr Thomas Wavell	Mr Nath. Higginson
Mr John Cheney.	

The Generall to the Rt Honble Compa to be sent by the George & Duplicate by the Josia, & a Generall to the Governour & Councill of St Helena to be sent by Said Ships, both dated this day read and past. Genll to the Rt Honble Compa. Generall to St Helena.

Order'd that the 31 Bales of goods in the Trevicane from Vizagapatam be traverst aboard the Josia, & the rest of her Cargo brought ashoar. Trevicane to be unladen.

Order'd that the George Wm Brooks Master from Bengall bee unladen. Ship George to bee unladen.

Mr John Cheney reports the Muster of the Georges men to bee 104 living, & of the Josia's 94 living, 27 dead 1 run away. Report ships Compa Muster'd.

The Sea Customer Mr. John Nicks his Book of Accompts for the month of January read and past as followeth. Sea Customers Acct for Janry.

Sea Custome	Pago 46 :	18 : 99
Anchoridge	„ 33 :	18 : —
Curtain Godown rent	„ 1 :	— : —
Register Houses & Slaves	„ 1 :	21 : 25
	P 82 :	20 : 49

Mr. Thomas Ley continuing his request to go for England upon the George, not having his health, Itt is order'd that the Secretary do confirme the order he received from Bengall. Mr Ley leave to go home.

Mr Thomas Raynes making his request for leave for himself, his Wife, Child, & two Servants, to go for England upon the Josia, Itt is granted & order'd that Mr Raynes &ca leave to go home.

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the Secretary do give the Commander an order to receive them and their necessaries, he paying for their passage.

P 20 to be paid Mrs Barron.

Mr Samuell Barron not being return'd from China, & his wife being in want & desiring a supply of Twenty Pagodas, Itt is order'd to be paid her, and accompted for with him, in part of his Sallary.

Sticklack bought to be laden on the Josia.

A parcell of Sticklack offering to be Sould, the persons were treated with about itt, & the lowest they could bee brought to being Pagᵒ 6½ p̃ Candy Itt is agreed to bee taken att that price, & shipt aboard the Josia for England.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NATH: HIGGINSON.
J$^{O}_{N}$: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

7 Genll from Coodaloor. Ship from Arrakan.

Received a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 3d Instant.

A ship belonging to Skipper Thomas of Corango arrived here from Arrakan.

THURSDAY 10. No Consultation.

No business offered for Consultation.

George & Josia's Dispatches delivered to the Pursers. Saphir Frigatt arrived.

Ships George & Josia their Dispatches for England dated this day approved & Signed, & delivered the Purser of each Ship the Captns being aboard.

The Saphir Frigat arrived here from Trincomala.

11 Ships George & Josia sailed. Burneo Merchᵗ & a sloop sailed.

Ships George & Josia Sailed for England, God send them a prosperous voyage.

Ship Burneo Merchᵗ & Sloop Dreadnaught sailed for Porto Novo.

Packett from Conimeer.

Recd a Packet from Conimeer containing Vizᵗ Coppy of their Genll to the Rt Honble Compᵃ p̃ the Shrewsbury dated the 8th Instᵗ Genll to the Fort dated the 9th dᵗᵒ Duplicate of Ship Shrewsburys Invoyce & second Bill of Lading for England, Coppy of Capᵗ Alfords Certificate about Chests of Copper, Allom & Brimstone being broaken, said letter advises that the Shrewsbury sailed from thence to Coodaloor, the 8th Instᵗ & that Capᵗ Batten had taken a small Sloop in Pullicherry road.

Generll from Pullicherry.

Recd a Generall from the Directore & Councill of Pullicherry dated $\frac{7}{17}$ Instᵗ complaining of Capᵗ Battens taking a Sloop in that Road.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAO

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR	PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR ELIHU YALE	MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR	MR
MR THOMAS WAVELL	MR NATH. HIGGINSON
MR	

FRIDAY 11.

News of Siams ships on Zeilon.

Understanding by a Letter that was wrot to Seer Cawn a Moorman inhabitant of this Town, from a Portugues att Porto Novo, that a Ship arrived there belonging to John Perrera Ferrea, in her coming by Trincomala, had mett with two Ships & a Sloop belonging to the King of Siam, who had sailed after her, &

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boarded her, but finding no Moors goods aboard, had lett her go, & that the said 2 Ships & Sloop were riding att Trincomala point on Zeilon, Itt was therefore taken into consideration, & by reason itt is too soon in the Year for the Saphir Frigat to proceed to Bengall, the Monsoon not being changed, & that att her returne, which wee order to bee the 10th Aprill next, itt will bee early enough, Itt is order'd that She bee got in a readiness with men amunition & provissions, & dispatcht thether with all expedition, & take & Seize them & bring them hither, according to the Rt Honble Compas orders, as also to proceed along that Coast of Zeilon, to the Southermost part & beyond if there be occation, to see if she can meet with the two Surat Manilla Ships, that wee formerly had advices, were returning from thence, (or any other of our Enemies Ships) for which purpose Thomas Peerez an old Manilla Pilot, is to go on her, to advise Capt Bradly, the propper stations to cruze in, & that orders be given Capt Bradly accordingly, but hearing the said ships are strongly provided with Guns & men, & fearing the Saphir Frigat singly may bee too weak Itt is order'd that 50 Souldiers & provissions upon the Rt Honble Compas accompt, be put aboard a Country Ship, called the Trevicane, now in this Road, belonging to the President & most of this Councill, & the rest of the charges, the Owners are willing shall bee upon their own accompt, to shew their readiness to serve the Rt Honble Compa on this expedition, & to proceed with Capt Bradly & follow his orders, & that a Commission & Orders be given the Commander upon this occation.

Saphir Frigat to be fitted & sent after them.

as also to look out for Surat Manilla Ships.

Tho Perez to go on the Saphir Frigat.

Trevicane to go along with the Saphir Frigat.

Order'd that Pago 500 be paid Mr Wavell Paymaster Generall, to defray the charges of the Souldiers & provissions that are to go on the Saphir Frigat & Trevicane, as abovesaid.

P 500 to be pd Mr Wavell.

The Directore & Councill of Pullicherry having made their complaint to us, in a Generall recd this morning, that Capt Batten had taken a small Sloop in their Road, belonging to the King of Siam, & that there was 50 Chests of Copper belonging to them aboard her, & desiring satisfaction for the same, Itt is agreed that an answer be given, & to acquaint them, that wee can say nothing to itt, till wee hear from Capt Batten, and that they must have patience till itt bee tryed in the Admiralty Court, whether she bee a lawfull prize or not, which shall bee done, as soon as Capt Batten brings her hither, and that they bee advised not to lade any of their goods, upon the King of Siams Ships, nor suffer them to lade any goods upon their Ships, by reason wee have a Warr with the said King & by reason we have heard nothing from Capt Batten, Itt is agreed that a Letter be writ him, to come hither, as soon as possibly he can.

Pullicherry Letter consider'd.

The answer to be given.

A Letter to be writ Capt Batten to come hither.

Mr Browne &ca Councill of Vizagapatam, having occation for money & meeting with an oppertunity have drawn Pago 2612 upon us payable to the Owners of Ship Trevicane, which is order'd to bee accepted & paid.

Vizagapa Bill to be paid.

Genlls to the French att Pullicherry & to Capt Batten dated this day read & past.

Generalls read & past.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J$\frac{o}{R}$: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

12. The Diamond James Hawkes Master arrived from the Coast of Gingerlee.

Hawkes from Gingerlee.

The Ormus Merct Lewis Intsham Master arrived here from Arrakan.

Ormus Merct from Arrakan.

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Generalls &ca read & past. Commission deliver'd Capt Fenn.

Gen[ll] to Gombroon, Instructions to M[r] Moody & M[r] Levison, Cap[t] Anthony Fenns Commission & dispatch & a Letter from the President to Coje Ismaell att Muscatt, all dated this day approved & Signed & the Commission & dispatch delivered the Cap[t] & M[r] Moody & M[r] Levison embarqued upon the Dragon.

M[r] Moody & Mr Levison embarqued.

Ship Dragon Cap[t] Anthony Fenn Commander Sailed for Persia.

13. Dragon sailed for Persia.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 14.

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M[R] ELIHU YALE — M[R] THOMAS LUCAS
M[R] JOHN NICKS — M[R] JOHN GRAY
M[R] THOMAS WAVELL — M[R] NATH HIGGINSON
M[R]

Ormus Mercht to go with the Saphir Frigat. Trevicane not to goe.

The Ormus Merchant belonging to the President & most of the Councill arriving here from Arrakan the 12th Inst. Itt is thought convenient, & ordered (by the Owners consent) to send her with the Saphir Frigat instead of the Trevicane, she being a much larger & better ship & of more force then the other.

P 1000 to be sent to Coodaloor.

Order'd that Pag[o] 1000 be sent overland to Coodaloor, for to defray the expences of that Factory.

Coodaloor contract contin'd.

In consideration of the disposall of Europe goods Itt is agreed to continue the Coodaloor Contract, and if they can to increase that, to the amount of what was before design'd for that place and Porto Novo, itt being not worth the while to bee att the expence of two Factories, for so little business.

Capt Bradly's acct to be paid.

Cap[t] Bradly having given in an Acc[t] of his disburstm[ts] Viz[t] Saphir Frigats expence att severall places Pag[o] 27 : 18 :—and for the Owners of the Ship Nathaniell which they were to have supplied her with Pag[o] 132 : 18 :—Itt is orderd to be paid, and charged to each accompt.

About the Dutch 2d's Lady of Metchlepa her demands.

The Dutch Seconds Lady att Metchlepatam having writ us, and making demands, of money due to her from M[r] Tillotson deceased, Itt is order'd that an answer be given her, that wee can say nothing to itt, till M[r] Freeman comes hither.

Generalls &ca read & past.

Generalls to Surat, to M[r] Thomas Yale & M[r] Frederick Bagwell, in the Madras Frigat, att Goa or elcewhere, on the North Coast of India, Commission to Cap[t] Hilder, Letter to the Dutch Seconds Lady att Metchlepatam all dated this day read and past.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J[N]: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES SEC[TY].

14. Letter from Capt Bradly.

Rec[d] a Letter from Cap[t] Bradly dated in Trincomala the 19th past, which he sent before he came from thence, expecting an answer before he came away.

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Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R — TUESDAY 15.
MR ELIHU YALE — MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS
MR THOMAS WAVELL — MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR JOHN CHENEY.

Application made by the French & Dutch to the Mogull.

Upon advice from Mr James Paiva att the Mines, that the Mogull was likely in a short time to take Gulcondah, & consequently be Master of this Kings Dominions, & that the French & Dutch had made their applications to him with great Presents to settle their affairs in this Country Itt was taken into consideration, what wee should do in behalf of the R^t Honble Comp^a, & agreed (in regard of our present hostillity against his Subjects in Bengall) that wee should only write him a plaucible Letter of complaint, of Governm^t injuries to us in Bengall, & that upon the consideration of our difference there wee could not make our applications as the French & Dutch had done, otherwise that our respects were as great & ready as theirs, but desire him to hear our Vakeil, concerning our agreivances, (which have been the occation of our differences) to redress the same, & to confirme the R^t Honble Comp^ass antient Priviledges in Bengall, Itt is likewise thought convenient to write to his Nabob, to desire his friendship, & to favour us with the delivery of our said Letter to the Mogull, & to our Vakeil att the Camp, sending him said Letters to deliver, with Coppies for his perusall, & to shew the Nabob what wee write the Mogull, & that he be sure to represent our case to his Maj^ty & make hast to procure a good & lasting Phirmaund, according to his Instructions he rec^d from the Bay.

Consideration what to do on behalf of the R^t Honble Compa.

A plausible letter to be writt to the Mogull.

another to his Nabob.

also to our Vakeil.

Generalls to Conimeer & Coodaloor dated this day read and past

Genlls to Conimeer & Coodaloor.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J⅞: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Sec^ry.

15. P 1000 sent to Coodaloor.

This evening Pag^o 1000 was sent overland to Coodaloor.

16. Genll from Coodaloor.

Rec^d a Genl^l from Coodaloor dated the 12th Inst^t advising of the Rebecca's arrivall there the 8th d^to of her unlading part of her Cargo, & sailing thence the 11th ditto to Trincomala, after a Siam Ship, that he heard lay there, & that they had dispatcht the Shrewsbury for England the 10th Instant.

Rebecca sailed after a Siam ship to Trincomala. Shrewsbury for England.

Letter from Capt Batten. Small Sloop taken. Gone to Trincomala after a Siam ship. Letters fonnd in the Sloop.

Rec^d a Letter from Capt Batten Commander of the Rebecca dated in Coodaloor the 9th Inst^t advising of his taking a small Sloop, called the Mary Edward Salter Master, with Siam Coulors, in Pullicherry road of his having put ashore some Coyles of Roapes to make him a clear ship, & that he was gone to Trincomala after Leslie in the Resolution, a ship belonging to the King of Siam, & taken said Sloop with him, & that what Letters he had found aboard her, were now sent hither, as followeth A Packet directed to Mr John Littleton which contain'd a Packett to Mr John Tyler & Fitch Needham, 1 Letter to Mr Littleton, 1 to Mr Henry Alford, 1 to Mrs Honora Threader, a small Packett directed to Thom^s Emmerson, 1 Letter to Mr William Jearsey, 1 to Mr John Heathfeild, 1 to Mr Henry White, 1

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to Mr Arthur Seamer, 1 to Mr Robert Turlinton, 1 to Mr Francis Marquees French, 1 to Mr Walter Littleton, 1 letter blotted to Mr Heathfeild 1 Letter to Mr Daniell Bowen his wife 1 Letter Dutch 1 Letter Portugues.

Ship Princess from Bengall. Genll &ca. from Ballasore.

Ship Princess Edward Greenhill Master, arrived from Bengall, & brought a Generall from Ballassore dated the 10th of last month, with Invoyce and Bill of Lading for 250 Baggs of Saltpeetre aboard her.

Letter from Davis Interloper.

Recd a Letter from Thomas Davis the Interloper dated this day.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRÃO

Present

WENSDAY 16.

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR	
Mr	Mr THOMAS LUCAS
Mr JOHN NICKS	Mr JOHN GRAY
Mr THOMAS WAVELL	Mr

Mr JOHN CHENEY.

Davis Letter perused. thé answer thereto.

The Letter recd this morning from Thomas Davis the Interloper was perused & by reason he declares he can't give Security for his appearance, Itt is order'd that Mr Gray Mr Higginson & Mr Cheney do tell him, that wee shall consider further of the contents of his said Letter.

Rebecca being gone to Trincomala after Siam Ship. Saphir Frigat to go to her. Ormus Mercht not to goe to return the 10th Aprill next.

In regard of the advices Capt Batten gives us (recd this morning) that he is gone after the Siam Ship to Trincomala, Itt is now thought convenient & order'd that the Saphir Frigat do proceed thether to joyne with him & that Capt Batten do follow his (Capt Bradlys) orders in that expedition, the Saphir Frigat being the Rt Honble Compas own Ship, and Capt Bradly having recd full orders from us about itt, And that the Ormus Merchant do not go with the Saphir Frigat as formerly order'd, there being now no occation for her not questioning but that the Saphir Frigat & Rebecca, are strong enough for this designe, & both to returne hither the 10th of Aprill next.

Princess to bee unladen.

Order'd that the Ship Princess from Bengall bee unladen.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.

JOHN STABLES Secry. J$^{o}_{s}$: CHENEY.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 17.

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNR	
Mr ELIHU YALE	Mr
Mr JOHN NICKS	Mr JOHN GRAY
Mr THOMAS WAVELL	Mr NATH. HIGGINSON

Mr JOHN CHENEY.

Genll to the Rt Honble Compa. Generall to Capt Batten. Letters to the Mogull Nabob and Vakeil.

Generall to the Rt Honble Compa Via Surat, to be Sent thether by the Quedah Merchant, Generall to Capt Batten to bee sent p Capt Bradly, and Letters from the President, to the Mogull, Nabob, & our Vakeil att the Mogulls Camp, all dated this day read and past.

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The Letters for particular persons, which Capt Batten found in the Sloop from Siam, which he took in Pullicherry road, are order'd to be deliver'd to the Judge of the Admiralty & assistants for their perusall. Letters sent p Capt Batten to be delivered the Admiralty.

The freight of goods brought from Bengall in the Quedah Merch^{t} Capt William Hilder Commander, being calculated, & making 254 Tonns 9 hundred, which att four pounds p Tonn, according to Charterparty made with the R^{t} Worp^{ll} Agent &c^{a} Councill of Hugly, amounts to Pag^{o} 2326 : 14 :—accompting Eight Shillings and Nine pence to a Pagoda, Itt is order'd to be paid him, as also Pag^{o} 10 for diett of Two of the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Servants that came on Said Ship from the Bay hither. Quedah Merchts freight order'd to bee paid.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J^{O}_{N}: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

Delivered Mr John Gray Judge of the Admiralty & Assistants the Letters for particular persons rec^{d} from Capt Batten, as order'd this morning. 17. Abovesd letters delivered.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Pettepollee dated the 8th Instant with a Letter from the Governour of that place to the President. 18. Genll & Letter from Pettepollee.

Commission & Dispatch, to Capt Bradly Commander of the Saphir Frigat to proceed to Trincomala, &c^{a} dated this day, approved, Signed & delivered to the Captaine. Capt Bradlys Comn & dispatch. ditto delivered to him.

Bills given Mr Hill for P 375 & Mr Metcalf for P 527 for 6 m^{ths} att 10 p C^{t} p Ann. Bills given for money.

This morning early the Saphir Frigat Capt Stephen Bradly Commander Sailed for Trincomala on Zeilon. 19. Saphir Frigat Sailed.

Delivered Capt William Hilder his Commission, with our Packet to Surat & Letter to Mr Thomas Yale & Mr Frederick Bagwell att Goa or elcewhere on the North Coast of India. Delivered Capt Hilder his Commission Packet to Surat &ca.

This morning early Ship Queda Merchant, Capt William Hilder Commander, Sailed hence for Surat. 20. Queda Merchant Sailed for Surat.

Rec^{d} a Letter from Capt Batten dated in Coodaloor the 17th Instant, advising that he got into 10°30′ d. & there meeting with Calmes, Contrary winds & Northerly streams, was drove into 11°30′ d. where he was the 16th in the morning close by a Ship, which he chased all day, but not being able to come up with her, with his Ship, mann'd the Sloop & Boat, which proved a Manilla Ship, belonging to Portonovo, & bound thether, upon which was Passengers Mr Dan^{ll} Gyfford & his wife from Siam, who came from thence to Mallacca on the Herbert (which was bound to the West Coast) & there embarqued on said Ship, so he (Capt Batten) put into Coodaloor, where he was taking in those things hee had left there, & resolved God willing to bee coming for this place. Letter from Capt Batten. he is come back to Coodaloor.

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Present

MUNDAY 22.

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR ELIHU YALE — MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS — MR JOHN GRAY
MR THOMAS WAVELL — MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR JOHN CHEŃEY.

Mint Acct for January.

Mr Nathaniell Higginson read the Accompts of the Mint for the month of January which was past as followeth.

The Acc^{t} of Coyning the R^{t} Honble Comp^{ns} Gold being 1 Chest receiv'd from Tonqueen p̃ the Dragon Viz^{t} 8 parcells, containing 108 Barrs, produced nett . . . . Pag^{o} 12295 : 31 :—

The acc^{t} of what rec^{d} for Mintage duties upon particular persons Gold coyned Pag^{o} 22140 att $\frac{1}{2}$ p̃ Cent is . . Pag^{o} 110 : 25 :—

Defence of this Garrison provided for.

Taking into our Serious consideration the great danger we may bee in, in case the Mogull should take Gulcondah, which in all appearance att present he is likely to do, wee think itt absolutly necessary to make all manner of provission for our defence, in regard of our present actuall Hostillity with him & his Subjects, and therefore itt is order'd that the persons in their Severall places do provide & take care of the particulars hereunder mentioned.

MR WAVELL'S CHARGE IS VIZ^{T}.

Mr. Wavell's charge.

To build up the Caldeira Point with Battlements that the men may stand by the Guns.

To make hast to finish the new Platformes formerly order'd to bee built att the Seaside & Riverside & for the present to gett all materialls ready.

To take care that all the Salliports att the River side between the round Point & Caldeira Point, bee Secured with double Doors, Iron Barrs, Bolts & Locks, that all the inletts to the Town between said Points, be made up with Brick, & all the void places built up, that all Buildings, Rubbish, and what elce may bee prejudiciall that lies round the Walls of the Christian Town & in the River, be cleared away.

That Stores of Brick, Iron Stone & Chenam, be in a readiness to make up any breaches, & put in the Hogg yard, or any other convenient place, within the Wall'd Town.

That the Smiths, Bricklayers, Carpenters, Coolies, Muckwaes, and what other workmen or underworkmen may bee usefull to this Garrison upon a Seige, have notice given them att such time, as we shall think convenient, to be in a readiness upon occation, and that such persons shall have provissions provided for them.

To order Pork, Beef & Fish to bee Salted, & put up in Jarrs, and Cask, as also Eggs, or anything elce that may bee thought of to keep, as much, as can bee procured till further order, & to bee put up with such care, that they may bee preserved.

To be laying in of what Wood can bee got by degrees, as also Salt, and make Biskett.

To order Iron Stone or Red Wood to be laid upon the Top of the Fort Walls, to fling down upon the Ladders, if they should attempt to Scale, & some fforks to lye ready to thrust off the Ladders.

MR CHENEY'S CHARGE IS VIZ^{T}.

Mr Cheney's charge.

To remove the Powder from the Powder house to the Godowns, under the Curtain next St Thom̃ (or some other convenient place) and brick them

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up for the more Safety, and some Powder to be put in the Round Point, in a place that's built for that purpose.

To get what great Jarrs he can to put Wheat [?] in, and Chenam them up, and sett them round the Fort Curtaine.

To make what Powder he can with all expedition.

To give in an Accompt of what Stores of Powder, Shot great and Small, Match &c[a] Amunition or provission for Warr, (in any kind) wee have in a readiness & to fitt up the Granado Shells & Morter Peeces, & to make a tryall of them beforehand.

To take care that all the Small Armes be fitted, and constantly lookt after, and cleaned.

To take care that what Stores of Grain wee have, or shall bee brought in, upon this occation, be put into fitting Granaries, within the Walls, to preserve itt, & that itt bee brought into the Air, and often Shifted, and M[r] Fraser, or who elce he (M[r] Cheney) shall choose, is appointed to assist him in this.

To buy Provender for the Horses.

DOCT[R]. WILLMOT & DOCT[R]. PLUMMER'S CHARGE IS VIZ[T]. The Doctor's charge.

To provide and make Salves for wounds, & to bee as sparing of the small Chirurgery box on the Rebecca, as they can, that we may not want upon great occation.

There being a sett of Large Chirurgeons Instruments att Metchlepatam, which may bee usefull here, upon any expedition, Itt is order'd that M[r] Freeman &c[a] be wrot to, to Send them hither. Chirurgery Instruments.

Order'd that what Rice & Paddy can be procured proportionable to what occations wee may have, be bought up for the use of this Garrison. Paddy & Rice to be bought.

The Letter rec[d] the 16th Instant from Thomas Davis the Interloper, was again taken into consideration & for many reasons, itt is thought convenient, to give him his liberty, provided he give his Bond for £30000 to secure the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] from what damages they may sustain, by reason of the Debts he contracted, during his residence in the Bay, and to appear here within Twenty Four howers, whenever wee shall demand him. Davis to have his liberty upon giving £30000 Bond.

The writing to Bengall was taken into consideration, and itt is thought convenient to deferr the Same, till some Sea conveyance presents, itt being dangerous to send our Letters overland, least they should fall into the Enemies hand, the Agent & Councill having advised us, that they had left Hugly. Concerning writing to Bengall.

Not knowing how wee may bee Streightned Itt is order'd that no Grain laid up for our Stores, be spared or Sould to any person whatsoever, till wee are beseiged, nor then to any but English Inhabitants, or such as are in actuall Service, or that contribute to the defence of this Garrison. When & to whom the Stores are to be spared or sold.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT. HIGGINSON.
JN: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Sec[ry].

Rec[d] a Letter from the Directore Generall &c[a] Councill att Pullicherry dated the $\frac{17}{27}$ Instant. 21. Letter from Pullicherry.

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Rebecca arrived here. Mr. Davis &ca on her. Genll &ca from Coodaloor.

Ship Rebecca Capt Thomas Batten Commander arrived here from Coodaloor (& with him the prise Sloop Mary he took in Pullicherry Road) and on her Mr Davis, Mr Willson & Mr Griffith and a Generall from Coodaloor dated 18th Instant with Invoyce of goods laden there on the Shrewsbury for England.

23. Letter from Conjeveron.

Recd a Letter from Sangana & Madapa att Conjeveron dated the 20th Instant writing for two years rent money to be sent forthwith to them.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 24.

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR	
MR ELIHU YALE	MR
MR JOHN NICKS	MR JOHN GRAY
MR THOMAS WAVELL	MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR JOHN CHENEY.	

Rebecca to bee unladen to be sent to the Saphir.

Order'd that the Rebecca bee unladen with all expedition, & then to proceed to the Saphir Frigat, on the Coast of Zeilon, & joyn with her in the pursuit of the Siamers, & Surat Manilla Ships as formerly order'd, & to return with her, or without her, the 10th of Aprill next, & that orders be given him accordingly.

Storekeepers Acct for Janry.

The Storekeeper Generall Mr John Cheney his Acct of Stores bought, Sold, and expended for the month of January read & past.

Souldiers p Rebecca to be paid from their arrivall att Conimeer.

The ten Souldiers that came on the Rebecca, arriving att Conimeer, the 16th of December last, & having been order'd out upon Service, ever since that time, & being in a poor condition, Itt is order'd that their Musshier be paid from the time of their arrivall aforesaid.

Sloops to be sent to the Bay. Lascars & Slaves to bee sent. also stores but no Souldiers. Sloop Thomas to Metchlepa. Sloop James to stay att Coodaloor.

Orderd that Sloops Gingerlee, Mary, & Siam Sloop (if she proves a Prize) bee sent into the Bay as soon as possible, with what Lascars can be gott, (the Agent & Councill having desired a supply of 200) with 40 Slaves, & what Stores may be thought necessary, but no Souldiers to be sent thether att present, by reason of the weakness of this Garrison, & the feares we have, that the Mogull may come upon us, in regard of our difference with his Subjects, & that Sloop Thomas be sent to Metchlepatam to bring the Rt Honble Compas Servants and concernes from that Factory, and Sloop James to remaine att Coodaloor, for the Security of the Southern Factories.

Answer to Sangana's Letter.

The Letter recd yesterday from Conjeveron was taken into consideration, and itt is order'd that the same answer be given thereto, as was done the 27th December last, to a Letter recd from thence of the same contents as this.

Land Customers Acct for Janry.

The Land Customer Mr John Gray his Book of Acctss for the month of January read and past as followeth.

Land Custome	Pago	6 :	28 :	01
Choultry or Petty Land Custome ...	„	13 :	18 :	15
Paddy Toll att the Banksall	„	1 :	14 :	—
Measurers duty	„	1 :	35 :	—
Weighers duty	„	— :	14 :	16
P		24 :	01 :	32

P 1000 to be paid Mr. Wavell.

Order'd that Pago 1000 be paid Mr Thomas Wavell Paymaster, Generall, to defray the Charges Garrison &ca.

Train'd bands to be raised.

Order'd that two Companies of Trainbands be raised, the one of the Rt Honble Compas Servants, & English freemen, the other of Portugues Inhabitants.

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The Loyall Adventure Cap[t] William Goodlad Commander being suddenly expected from Acheen, and not having a Lading ready for her, Itt is order'd (that if she arrive in time) that she be sent to the West Coast, to be laden from thence for England. Loyall Adventure to bee sent to the West Coast. to be laden thence for England.

Cap[t] Thomas Batten having brought out a Chest of Chirurgery for Sale, & not knowing what occations wee may have of Medicines in case of a seige, having rec[d] a supply of but one small Box this year from the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a]. Itt is order'd to bee bought for use of this Garrison. Chest of Chirurgery to be bought of Capt Batten.

The R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] having order'd us to appoint an Atturney Generall for the Admiralty Court, Itt is order'd that M[r] John Hill do supply that place for the present. Atturney Genll appointed.

Cap[t] Thomas Batten having delivered in two papers (from himselfe and his Doctor) concerning his difference, with the Commissary of Trincombar, (coppy whereof is enter'd next after this Consultation) Itt is order'd to bee consider'd of the next meeting. Capt Batten delivers two papers concerning the Comissary to be considered of.

Having not money in Cash to spare to pay the Bill M[r] Brown &[cs] att Vizagapatam drew on us for Pag[o] 2612 payable to the Owners of Ship Trevicane, & they being willing to take a Bill payable in Six months att 10 p̄ Cent Intrest p̄ Annum, Itt is agreed & order'd that a Bill (dated the 11th Instant, the time when Said Bill was accepted & order'd to be paid) bee given them for the Same. Bill given for Pago 2612.

M[r] Cheney according to order last Consultation day, brought in a List of the Stores of Amunition now in this Garrison which is as followeth. List of the Stores in this Garrison.

Gunpowder English 270 Barrills of which 66 which came from Vizagapatam not good.

	lbs.
Match Country...	2686
Ditto English	80
Copper Ladles	19
Linstocks	19
Powder hornes...	16
Small Shott	4140
Stone Shott	7886
Iron Shott	26800
Forkes	187

Morter peeces 7 of which but one can bee used the others having no Shells.

Hand Granado Shells	3294
Iron Ordnance	150
Ginns to mount Guns	2
Fire Potts	510
Tinn Partridge...	12
Wooden cases with Stones	100
Grape Shott	246
Bouge Barrills	1
Morter Shells	1126
Blunderbusses	220
Musketts fire Locks	30

besides what came from Tonqueen which are not cleaned.

Ditto Match Locks old & new	890
Halberts	34
Swords	70
Poll Axes	3
Pikes	29
Suites of Armour for Horse	23
Suites of Armour for Foot	28

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said List perused and an addition order'd.

which being perused itt is thought convenient and order'd to make this following addition which Mr Cheney is to provide with all expedition.

Gunpowder to bee made 500 Candy.	lbs.
Match Country what in store already to be made up ...	5000
Ditto English what more can bee got.	
Copper Ladles 30 more.	
Linstocks 181 more.	
Powder hornes 184 more.	
Small Shott what already in Store to bee made up 2 Tonn.	
Stone Shott what more can bee gott.	
Iron Shott what more can bee gott.	
Forkes 113 more.	
Morter Shells to be made (if possible) for Six Morter Peeces they having none.	
Ginns to mount Guns 2 more.	
Fire potts 500 more.	
Tinn Partridge [ ] more.	
Wooden cases with Stones 840 more.	
Grape Shott [ ] more.	
Bouge Barrills 99 more.	
Musketts, Pistolls &c[a] fire Armes what more can bee got.	
Swords what more can be gott.	
Poll Axes 97 more.	
Pikes 500 to bee made with Bamboes.	

Capt Inglish his business referr'd to the Admiralty.

The business that the Agent and Councill in Bengall referred to us concerning Capt Inglish his paying back the money allowed him for Some Amunition they bought of him, in case itt Should bee proved to be the King of Siams, Itt is thought most propper to referr itt to the Cou[rt] of Admiralty (which is the only charge that appears att present against him) and that his Bond be delivered to the Judge and assi[s]tants of that Court, to inquire how they find itt.

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JOHN STABLES Secry.

February the 24th, 168⅞.

Coppy of Capt Battens complaint.

The humble complaint of Thomas Batten to the Honble William Gyfford President & Governour &c[a] Councill in Fort St. George &c[a].

Honble Sr &c[a].

In my pursuit of the King of Siams Ship according to your Honrs &c[a] order, of the 3d of January I Anchored att Trincum[bar] the 7th ditto, & sent my boat on shoar, to the Commissary Generall to [be] Satisfied, if I saluted the King of Denmarks Fort, if they would return me Gun for Gun, & sent mee word upon his honour he woul[d] upon which I saluted with 13 Guns & he answered me with 27, & sen[t] off two Gentlemen, to invite mee on Shoar, & I was very honourably entertain'd, att the time of my being there, there was severall Boats passed by, & I sent my boat on board them to vissit them, the which the

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Commissary resented very ill, & told mee he would not suffer itt, in their Road, and I promised him that I would not do itt againe, upon which he was very well satisfied, & wee were good friends untill the 14th of ditto, in the evening, I had been att the Capt Lievtenants, and as I passed by the Commissarys house where he was, I sent up to him, to beg the liberty of a Boat to go off, because itt was near night, he sent down word, that I must come up, & drink one glass of wine, but I desired to bee excused, because itt was late, & bad going off in the night, but upon his second message, I went up, & chanced to fall into discourse of the Prerogative of the Port of a neuter Nation, as he being neuter between the English & the Siamers, notwithstanding if he furnished any of the King of Siams Ships with money, Armes or men, or anything that might strengthen her for warr, he made a breach of peace, & itt might bee as lawfull for mee to fire att the Fort, as att the King of Siams Ship, upon which expression, in a rage & passion he called for an Arrest, immediatly a Serjant with a file of Musqueteers, Seazed on my person, disarming me of my Sword & Stick, and carried me to the Fort, & confined mee in a close room, wth a Guard for two howers, in which time I wrot him, that I knew noe power as he had, to detain me, having the Kings Commission, and upon an expedition, for saying nothing, but what was Justifiable by Law, and as long as he did, he declared himself no friend to the King of England, before this paper came to his hand, I was released, and I went to Skipper Sea-brooks house, & when this paper came to his hand, hee flew out into a passion againe, & Swore that he would carry [me ?] home with him to Coppenhaven, to answer itt to the King of Denmark, & sett a guard of a Serjant & half File over me all night, the next morning I considering, how that as I was confined, I could no ways help myself (for he would not suffer any of my men, to go to the Boat to go off) & that I might bee better able to defend myself, att liberty, I wrot to him, thus, that if I had said anything that did not become me, I begg'd his pardon & upon the receipt of this I was released, after this I many times offerr'd to read his Majesty's Proclamation, to him, Your Honr &ca please to send me; but he refused to hear itt, & when one English man Petitions to him, that he might serve his own Master, the King of England he confin'd him, & when the Danes Ship Sailed, he put them all on board, & sent them upon acct of Warr for Surat, in their Service, the consequence & Substance of these abuses, I humbly leave to your Honr &ca to consider on, & Subscribe myself

Your Honrs &ca
most humble Servant

THOMAS BATTEN.

Coppy Mr. Holloway's Attestation.

On the fourteenth of February the Capt going towards the Seaside, sent a Messenger to the Commissary to desire the liberty of a Boat, that he might go off, the Commissary returned an answer, that he desired to see the Captaine, which was very unwillingly granted, as soon as they came togeather, they fell into a discourse, about each others priviledges, where the Captaine told the Commissary, that if he furnished any enemies of the King of Englands, with Armes, Amunition men or money, he became an enemy to the Crown of England, and that if he protected them under his Guns, our Captaine told him, he would endeavour to force them thence, which the Commissary resented very ill, telling the Captaine withall, that if he did offer to fire att anything in their Road, he would fire att the Ship, which the Captaine returned with some passion, that if he offerred to fire att the Ship, he would fire against the Fort, or Something to that effect, whereupon the Commissary in a great passion, cried out an Arrest, which was immediatly performed, the Captaine being disarmed & sent a Prisoner to the Fort.

Wittness my hand
Februry the 24th 168⅞.

CHARLES HOLLOWAY.

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Capt Inglish his bond delivered Mr Gray.

Delivered Mr Gray Judge of the Admiralty Court, the Bond given by Capt Edward Inglish to the Agent &ca in Bengall, as order'd this morning.

Letter from Maha Raja.

Recd a Letter from Maha Raja to the President.

26. Letter from Henry Burton. Mr Samll Barron cast away.

Recd a Letter from Henry Burton Master of a Country Ship arrived att Coodaloor (from Emoy) dated there the 22th Instant, giving an accompt of Mr Samuell Barron's coming hither, with Chinamen in a Junck, & of her being cast away, with all her men & Cargo, in a little time after she came from Emoy.

27. Letters brought back from the Moguls camp the Vakeil not being to bee found.

The three Peons that were sent the 20th of December last to Mahomed Hurriff the Bengall Vakeil att the Mogulls Camp, with the Agent of Bengalls letters to the Mogull, Nabob, & himself, as also a Letter to him from the President, returned, & brought said Letters back with them, giving this acct. That they had been att the Camp, & could not find said Vakeil, but att last mett with the Shroff, that used to Supply him with money, who told them, that as soon as the Mogull heard of our difference in the Bay, he sent for said Vakeil, but he having notice of itt, was privatly gone away, he knew not where, except returned to the Bay.

Genll from Madalpollam.

Recd a Generall from Madapollam dated the 27th last month, advising to have laden upon a Boat Tandells name, Isnatapille-Mugga 26 Long & 48 short Timbers, & sent said Mugga's Bill for Pago Thirty, which they had lent him to bee paid here, said Letter came from a place, a little to the Northward of Carera, where the said Boat was, not being att present able to get hither, by reason of the change of the Monsoon.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY. 28.

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR	PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR ELIHU YALE	MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS	MR JOHN GRAY
MR THOMAS WAVELL	MR NATH HIGGINSON

MR JOHN CHENEY.

Defence of this Garrison further provided for.

Itt being of so great concerne to bee continually mindfull to provide for the defence of this Garrison against the Mogulls forces which wee have great reason to fear will come upon us, after he has taken Gulcondah, therefore wee have thought convenient, & order that the persons hereunder named, have further in charge as followeth.

MR. WAVELL'S CHARGE IS VIZT.

Mr. Wavell's charge.

To build a small Point to command the Bridge, & that part of the Town, & the two blank sides of the Caldeira Point, large enough to plant Six Guns, or Eight if there shall bee occation.

To build a larg Tank in some convenient place, within the walled Town, for a Store of fresh water, which will be much wanted in case of a Seige, all the Wells in the Christian Town being brackish.

MR. CHENEY'S CHARGE IS VIZT.

Mr Cheney's charge.

To put so many great Guns upon the Point att the Garden as convenient for ten or fifteen men, and lay in such provissions and Amunition in the lower room, as shall bee hereafter upon occation thought necessary.

To put Six or Eight great Guns into the new Point, that is to bee built for the Security of the Bridge &ca with Amunition for them.

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To fill the new Tank that is order'd to bee built, with the best fresh water, and besides to provide and fill what Cask & Jarrs hee can gett.

To make ten Field carriages, & fitt Guns to them.

To put two or three great Guns in the Powder house.

Itt is thought convenient for the Safety of this Garrison, Securing the R^t^ Honble Comp^ss^ estate, and anoying of the enemy, in case they should beseige this place, that two or three Ships do from this time, ride in this Road, and there being none of the R^t^ Honble Comp^ss^ Ships here, nor any expected (till some may arrive from England) that can bee spared upon this designe, in regard they are to go down into the Bay or already are upon other expeditions, Itt is order'd to hire any good Servicable Country Vessells that may offer, to that number, & that Mr Cheney do send Men, Guns, Amunition & Provissions or what elce may bee thought convenient for Service, aboard them, on the R^t^ Honble Companies accompt. Ships to ride in this Road. Country Vessells to bee hired.

The Sloops order'd last Consultation day to be sent to the Bay, are now order'd to proceed with all expedition thether, with Stores &c^a^ and to give an acc^t^ of our condition, (which wee are now forced to do, though a little too soon in the Year) that they may send us what help they can, in regard we are forced to hire Country Ships, to lye in this Road, for the Security of this place. Sloops to be sent with all expedition to the Bay.

As soon as wee shall receive certain news that the Mogull has taken Gulcondah, Itt is order'd that Some or other of the R^t^ Hon^bls^ Comp^ss^ Frigats that may be here, bee fitted ready to send advices to their Hon^rs^, itt being of Soe great import for them to know. When Gulcondah is taken advise to be sent the Rt Honble Compa.

The Paymaster Generall Mr Thomas Wavell his Book of Accompts for the month of January read and past as followeth. Paymasters acct for January.

Charges Garrison	Pag^o^	709 : 02 : 78	
Charges Generall	,,	450 : 11 : —	
Charges Diett	,,	352 : 33 : 73	
Charges Extraordinary	,,	246 : 24 : 10	
Charges Cattle	,,	45 : 02 : —	
Charges Merchandise	,,	129 : 36 : —	
Accompt Fortifications &c^a^	,,	129 : 01 : 44	
	P	2063 : 03 : 37	

The Papers delivered in last Consultation by Capt Thomas Batten were perused and itt is order'd that Coppies thereof be sent home to the R^t^ Honble Comp^s^ to judge of the matter. Capt Battens papers to be sent home.

Order'd that Capt Batten be paid for the Souldiers diett that were aboard him, from his arrivall till their discharge, (they having nothing to help themselves) after the rate of Six pence a day each man, & in regard of the great Scarcity & dearness of all Sorts of provissions, Itt is order'd that two pence a day more each man be allowed him on that accompt. Capt Batten to be paid for Souldiers diett.

Orderd that the following payments be made Viz^t^ To Mr Wavell Paymaster generall, to deliver the Brickmakers Pag^o^ 500 To Narso &c^a^ Washers on acc^t^ of Washing & Cureing the R^t^ Honble Comp^ss^ Callicoes Pag^o^ 100. To the Gunpowder maker to make Powder Pag^o^ 100 & that the Sticklack sent home on the Josia, be paid for according to the amount. Payments to be made.

In regard of our present Warr, with the king of Siam & the Mogull itt is thought convenient to give severall Ships Commissions agreeable to the R^t^ Honble Commissions to bee given.

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Comp^{as} orders for Seizing of their Ships & goods, the forme whereof is now read and approved, and order'd to bee enter'd att the end of this Consultation book.

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JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

28. Ship Mahomet from Acheen. Letter from Mr John Pitt. News of Ship Priaman. Letter from Mr Pitt & Mr Owen. Letter from them to Capt Rea. March 9no. Letter from Ralph Ingram.

A Ship called Mahomett, Maumade Nina Noqueda arrived here from Acheen, & brings a Letter from Mr Pitt dated there the 12th of last month, advising of Mr Callenders meeting ten dayes before, with the Ship Priaman, which had been Eleven months from England, bound for the West Coast, but in an ill condition, rec^{d} also another letter from Mr Pitt & Mr Owen, dated the 27th d^{to} & Postscript of the 3^{d} Instant, with Coppy of Letter they sent to Capt Joseph Rea Commander of the Herbert, (who arrived att Acheen the 15th past month from Siam) demanding a lading of Rice, for the Loyall Adventure, he having 500 Tons aboard his Ship.

Rec^{d} a Letter from Mr Ralph Ingram att Coodaloor dated 24th past.

2. Ship Jamalulee from Acheen. Ship Prospect from Tonqueen. Generalls recd by her from thence. Letter &ca from Mr Keeling.

A Ship called Jamalulee Shacogee Noqueda arrived from Acheen.

Ship Prospect Henry White Master, arrived from Tonqueen, & brought two Generalls from thence dated the 10th Decem^{r} & 2^{d} Janu^{ry} last and a Letter from Mr William Keeling Chief of that Factory dated 22th Jan^{ry} last, with the Captaines receipt for a Box of Hubblebubbles returned which they could not dispose of there.

THURSDAY 3.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}	PRESIDENT & GOVERNO^{R}
MR ELIHU YALE	MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS	MR JOHN GRAY
MR THOMAS WAVELL	MR NATH HIGGINSON

MR JOHN CHENEY.

Warehouse accts for January.

The Warehouse day Book of Acc^{ts} for the month of January read and past.

P 1000 to be paid Mr Wavell & P 300 to Mr Cheney.

Order'd that Pag^{o} 1000 be paid Mr Thomas Wavell Paymaster generall to defray the Charges Garrison &c^{a} And Pag^{o} 300 to Mr John Cheney Storekeeper generall, to defray the charges of the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Sloops &c^{a}.

Rebecca not to go to Trincomala.

the reason given for itt.

Order'd to go to Tenasseree.

In regard of the lateness of the Year, the Southerly Wind being sett in, and the Currant runing strong to the Northward, itt would take up too much time, for the Rebecca, to gett to Trincomala, as order'd the 24th last month, besides wee taking into consideration, the necessity of sending a Ship to Tenasseree, about publishing the King's Proclamation for recalling all the English (whom wee have great occation for) from the King of Siam's Service, makeing demands for Satisfaction, of the damages the R^{t} Honble Company have susteined, according to their List & other Debts contracted here in the Country due to their Hon^{rs} &c^{a} And to

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make a Declaration of the Rt Honble Compas orders, for reprisalls, Itt is order'd that the Rebecca Capt Thomas Batten Commander do proceed thether, with Instructions accordingly, & from thence to goe along the Coast of Pegu, to meet with any prize Ships, in his way to Bengall.

The Rt Honble Company having possitivly order'd that all freemen shall live att Fort St George, or some other of their Fortified places, Itt is agreed and order'd that they give Bond accordingly, the Form whereof is enter'd att the end of this Consultation Book. Freemen to live att Fort St George or some other fortified place. freemen to signe a Bond.

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JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J$^{O}_{N}$: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

Recd a Generall from Pettepollee dated the 21th last month. 3. Generall from Pettepollee.

Letter from the President to Sangana & Madapa approved and Signed. 4. Letter to Sangana & Madapa.

Ship Trevitore arrived from Manilla. Ship Trivitore from Manilla.

Recd a Letter from Capt Bradly dated in Coodaloor pmo Inst advising to have sent the Expectation Frigat Henry Burton Master, under care of Joseph Bullock, the said Burton having no Pass. 5. Letter from Capt Bradly. Expectation Frigat sent hither for want of a Pass.

Recd a Letter from Ralph Ingram att Coodaloor dated 28th past, with Bill of Lading for Allom returned p Sloop Mary. Letter from Ralph Ingram.

Expectation Frigat & Sloop Mary arrived from Coodaloor & Mr Daniell Gyfford on the latter. Expectation Frigat, Sloop Mary & Mr Danll Gyfford arrived.

Recd a Letter from Ralph Ingram att Coodaloor dated pmo Instant with a Certificate of the want [*sic*] of Allom, they returned p Sloop Mary. 6. Letter &c from Ralph Ingram.

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Mr ELIHU YALE Mr THOMAS LUCAS
Mr JOHN NICKS Mr JOHN GRAY
Mr THOMAS WAVELL Mr NATH HIGGINSON
Mr JOHN CHENEY. MUNDAY 7.

The Presidents Cash Book for the month of February read & past the ballance being ... ... Pago 5381: 21: 1 Cash Book for February. Of sending Letters to the Mogull.

Taking into consideration the absolute necessity of having the Letters from Bengall, delivered the Mogull, (which were sent back by our Peons from Mr Paiva att the Mines near Gulcondah, the 27th last month, they not finding the Vakeel in the Camp, & coming to him att the Mines aforesaid) that he (the Mogull) might

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rightly be informed of our agreivances in the Bay, in particular the occation of the last Skirmish, Itt is agreed to take the advice of Señor Manuche, an Itallian Doct^r inhabitant in this Town, who was formerly in the Mogulls service, which is as follows That wee send them by a Servant of his, that is well acquainted in the Mogulls Camp, accompanied by four Rashpoots, to deliver them to two Englishmen there Viz^t Thom^s Goodlad & Richard, to the intent, that when they observe the Mogulls coming forth they may hold up said Letters, so, as to be seen by him, which he says the Mogull, will receive from the hands of strangers, which otherwise is delivered to some great men, to peruse, before they come to him, which might prevent the Mogulls having an acc^t of the true contents thereof, which is usuall, when itt is a complaint made against any of their friends, or great men, & that a small Present of Oyle of Cinamon, Oyle of Mace, and some other rarities, be sent to the Englishmen, to give as they shall see occation, And that the Mogull may have an acc^t of the wrongs & damages that the R^t Honble Comp^a have susteined in the Bay, (according to what the President & Councill in Bengall, formerly sent to the Nabob) and of our demands upon that acc^t which are the same, that the Agent and Councill have required of the Nabob in Bengall, Itt is agreed that the President write to the Mogull (requesting that he would cause the Nabob to make satisfaction) & remit the same to him, by the aforesaid conveyance, as also a Letter to the said two Englishmen, to follow the directions of said Manuche, with a promise that if they deliver or procure the delivery of said Letters, they shall be rewarded.

Expectation Frigats cargo to be examined by the Admiralty.

Capt Bradly having sent the Expectation Frigat hither for want of a Pass, Itt is referr'd to the Admiralty to examine the lading of the ship, itt belonging to that Court.

Trevicane's freight to be paid.

Order'd that the Trevicane's freight of goods brought from Bengall, be paid according to agreement of Capt Hilders Charterparty, as also for 31 Bales brought from Vizagapatam, according to Custome.

Boat to be hired to fetch Timbers from Carera.

In regard the Boat on which was laden, 26 long & 48 short Timbers, on the R^t Honble Comp^as acc^t is broak to peeces att a place near Carera, & the Boatman not being able to hire another Boat to bring them hither (owing the R^t Honble Comp^a Pag^o 30 lent him by Mr Wales, to be paid here for which he is imprison'd) Itt is agreed to give another Boatman Pag^o 20 (none being to be hired cheaper) to bring them hither, greatly wanting Timbers for our present works & Security.

P 100 to be paid in part of Ship Princes freight.

Edward Greenhill Master of Ship Princess having desired Pag^o 100 in part for freight of goods he brought from Bengall, Itt is order'd to bee paid him.

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JOHN STABLES Sec^ry.

7. Davis Interloper signed Bond.

Thomas Davis the Interloper signed Bond, & had his liberty.

8. Generall to Surat.

Generall to Surat dated this day approved & signed, which is to be sent overland by way of Gulcondah, under cover of M^r do Porto's to his brother att Surat, and duplicate by way of Goa.

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Rec[d] a Generall from Pettepollee dated the 28th past. Generallfrom Pettepollee.

9. Annapourna from Manilla

Ship Annapourna arrived from Manilla, with the sad news of a bad Markett, made so by the ill design of that Spanish Government, who not only exacted 7100 Dollars on pretence of Custome from the Ship, which formerly was cleared for 1000 Dollars, but also so depreciates the Markets, as brought the Long Cloth to 40 Dollars p̄ Corge, which was 30 p̄ C[t] loss to the proprietors, and amounts to a very considerable loss, to the Town inhabitants, who are almost thereby, disabled for trade.

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M[R] ELIHU YALE	M[R] THOMAS LUCAS
M[R] JOHN NICKS	M[R] JOHN GRAY
M[R] THOMAS WAVELL	M[R] NATH: HIGGINSON
M[R] JOHN CHENEY.	

THURSDAY 10.

Journall for part of January.

M[r] Elihu Yale read his Journall of the Generall Books of Accompts, for the latter part of the month of January which was past in Councill.

Sea Customers Accts for February.

The Sea Customer M[r] John Nicks, his Book of Accompts for the month of February read and past as followeth.

Sea Custome	Pag[o]	91	: 06	: 20
Anchoridge of Ships & Vessells ...	„	22	: —	: —
Register of Houses & Slaves	„	1	: 26	: 12
	P.	114	: 32	: 32

Northern Factorys likely to be in troubles. Orderd to be withdrawn. Country ship to be hired to fetch them away. P 300 to be sent to Pettepollee.

Hearing that Metchlepatam, Madapollam, & Pettepollee, are like to bee in troubles, by reason that some of the Mogulls forces are intended thether, to seize upon the King of Gulcondah's Treasure. Itt is resolved & order'd that said Factorys bee withdrawn for the present, & that a Country ship called the Prospect, be hired to bring away the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Servants & concerns from thence, except the lumbersome things, which they are to leave in charge of some few Peons, & that Pag[o] 300 be sent p̄ said Ship to Pettepollee to defray their expences, they advising to be in great want.

Rebecca not to go to Tenasseree. Reasons given for itt.

To be sent to Bengall Rebecca to look out for Siam Ships. Sloops order'd to attend her.

Though wee were very desirous to have sent the Rebecca for Tenasseree, & Pegu, in her way to Bengall, for the reasons given the 3[d] Instant, yet upon enquiry of severall Pilotts, & view of the draughts, we find itt will be a dangerous attempt, att this time of the year, & that in passing from Tenasseree to Bengall, her weathering of Negraes is very doubtfull, therefore we have thought fitt, to alter her designe, & Send her now for Bengall, touching Metchlepatam, along the Coast by Madapollam, to Vizagapatam hearing that there is one of the King of Siam's Ships, & 3 Sloops upon that Coast, (who have done us some, but the Country very great injury, by taking, burning & sinking great number of Vessells, with grain, bound to this & other places), which probably she may meet with, and make prize of, & in regard the prize Siam Sloop is Sold, Itt is order'd that Sloop Thomas do go to Bengall, & attend upon the Rebecca, as also Sloops Gingerlee & Mary, & follow Cap[t] Battens orders, till they shall receive the Agent & Councills of Bengall's further orders, after their arrivall there.

Bill to be given for Trevicane's freight.

Whereas the Trevicanes freight was order'd the 7th Ins[t] to be paid & the Accomptant having made itt up, & am[ts] to Pag[o] 1290: 09: 2, but att present not having mony in Cash to discharge itt, that can be spared, not knowing where to have a further supply, & the Owners being willing to take a Bill payable in six months, att ten p̄ Cent Intrest p̄ Annum, Itt is order'd to be given them.

[10TH.]

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Leave given Mrs Francis to go to her husband in Bengall.

Liev^{t} Francis wife having desired leave to go to Bengall to her husband, on Sloop Gingerlee, Itt is order'd that the Secretary do give the Master an order to receive her, her daughter and necessaries.

Letter to the Mogull & abstract of wrongs recd in Bengall.

Letter from the President to the Mogull, approved & Signed, with an abstract of the wrongs the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} have susteined in Bengall.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO : LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO : WAVELL.
NAT̃ : HIGGINSON.
J$\frac{O}{N}$: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

10. Skipper Thomas Son's Ship sailed.

Skipper Thomas his Sons Ship Sailed to the Southward.

11. Sloop Pilgrim from Gingerlee.

Sloop Pilgrim arrived from the Coast of Gingerlee.

13. Portugues Ship sent hither for want of a Pass.

A Portugues Ship called St Thomá arrived from Portonovo, under care of Capt Bradlys chiefMate, sent hither by him for want of a Pass.

Letter from Sangana & Madapa.

Rec^{d} a Letter from Sangana & Madapa att Conjeveron to the President, about last years rent mony, urging its & this years payment, though they have not, the Kings speciall Phirmaund for itt.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 14.

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR ELIHU YALE MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS MR JOHN GRAY
MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR JOHN CHENEY.

Generalls read and past. Letter to Harja Maha Raja.

Generalls to Bengall, to Ballasore, to Pettepollee, to Metchlepatam, to Madapollam, & a Letter from the President to Harja Maha Raja Chief Sobidar of the Chingee Country, all dated this day read & past.

Sangana's Letter considered & the answer to be given.

The Letter rec^{d} yesterday from Sangana & Madapa was taken into consideration, & itt is order'd that the same answer be given thereto as was done the 27th Decr past, to a letter rec^{d} from them of the same contents.

Portugues Ships Cargo to be examined by the Admiralty.

Capt Bradly having sent hither a Portugues Ship called St Thomá, for want of a Pass, itt is committed to the Admiralty, to examine her lading, itt belonging to that Court.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO : LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO : WAVELL.
NAT̃ : HIGGINSON.
J$\frac{O}{N}$: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

[14TH.]

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Two Ships arrived here from Trincombar with Rice. Two ships from Trincombar.

Rec[d] a Generall from Metchlepatam dated the 28th last month. 16. Generall from Metchlepatam.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M[R] ELIHU YALE M[R] THOMAS LUCAS
M[R] JOHN NICKS
M[R] THOMAS WAVELL M[R] NATH HIGGINSON
M[R] JOHN CHENEY. THURSDAY 17.

The Storekeeper generall M[r] John Cheney his accompt of Stores bought, Sold and expended for the month of February read and past. Storekeepers Acct for February.

Order'd that Pag[o] 1,000 be paid M[r] Thomas Wavell Paymaster Generall to defray the Charges Garrison &c[a] & Pag[o] 500 to M[r] John Cheney Storekeeper Generall to defray the charges of the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[ns] Sloops &c[a]. Pago 1000 to be paid Mr. Wavell & Pago 500 to Mr Cheney.

A Letter from the President to the two Englishmen, att the Mogulls Camp read and past. Letter to two English men at the Mogulls Camp.

Order'd that the Copangs by the Annapourna from Manilla, be put into the Mint to be coyned, and the Dollars by her Sold att the Buzar price, our Cash being very low. Copangs p Annapourna to bee coyned & the Dollars sold.

That the Timbers which were cast away near Carera, may not bee Stopt, Itt is thought fitt, that two yards of ordinary red broad Cloth bee Sent the Governour of the place, where the Timbers are. Tasherif to be sent the Governour where the Timbers are.

In regard that att present Paddy & Rice is Somewhat more brought into Town, then formerly Since the Famine, Itt is thought convenient to order the petty Land Custome to be paid, as hath been usually done, the excusing of itt, haveing been but during our pleasure. Petty Land Custome to be paid upon Rice & Paddy.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
JN: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Sec[ry].

Rec[d] a Generall from Conimeer dated the 16th Instant. 18. Generall from Conimeer.

Saphir Frigat Cap[t] Stephen Bradly Commander, arrived here from the Southward. 19. Saphir Frigat arrived.

Sloop Ruby Stephen Richman Master, Sailed hence for Acheen. Sloop Ruby sailed for Acheen.

Rec[d] a Letter from Ralph Ingram att Coodaloor, dated the 17th Instant advising that the Merchants had brought in near Pag[o] 20,000 in Callicoes to bee Sorted. 20. Letter from Ralph Ingram.

MUNDAY 21.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 168⅞.*——

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR ELIHU YALE MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS MR JOHN GRAY
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR JOHN CHENEY.

Report of the weight of Copangs.

Mr Thomas Lucas & Mr Nathaniell Higginson report the weight of 324 Copangs by the Annapourna from Manilla to bee oz. 184: dwt. 16: gr. 12.

Ships George & Princes their freight to be paid.

Order'd that the freight of goods brought from Bengall in the George John Tyler Master, and the remaining freight of goods by the Princess Edward Greenhill Master, be paid them, according to agreemt, referred to Capt Hilders Charterparty.

Capt Bradly's reasons for returning.

Capt Bradly delivers his reasons for returning hither & not proceeding to Trincomala as order'd, which is enter'd next after this Consultation.

Medicines to bee paid for.

The Chest of Medicines bought of Capt Batten amounting to Pago 117: 20 is order'd to bee paid.

P 100 to be paid Narso &ca.

Order'd that Pago 100 be paid Narso &cn Washers on acct. of Washing & Cureing the Rt Honble Compas Callicoes.

Souldiers on the Saphir to come ashoar.

Order'd that the Souldiers on board the Saphir Frigat be sent for ashoar.

ShipTrevitore to be hired to go to the Northern ffactorys.

Finding the Ship Prospect cannot conveniently bee Spared to go to Pettepollee, Metchlepatam & Madapollam, as was designed the 10th Instant and the Owners of Ship Trevitore offering her for that Service, Itt is order'd that She bee hired, to do the Same, as the Prospect was to have done.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
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JOHN STABLES Secry.

Coppy of Capt Bradly's paper.

To the Honble William Gyfford Esqr President & Governour of Fort St. George &cn Councill.

Capt Stephen Bradly Commander of the Ship Saphir, his reasons for not performing your Hons orders in the Instructions given him, being Viz.

After Six dayes att Sea, & finding could not obtaine my place designed for, the Winds & Currants setting against mee, was forced in for the Shoar, where crusing severall dayes, p̄ advice of the Pilot, met with Capt Burton, & the Portugues Ship, & manning them with Europeans, sent them for your Port, which very much weakned the force of my Ship, however in the interim I endeavoured to perform my orders, but was still frustrated, by the Winds & Currants above said, not long after the Portugues I had on board, many of them fell Sick, & unfitt for Service, on the other hand my provissions & water, was almost spent, & having no orders to recrute myself att any Port to the Southward, in case I should not have provisions, to last the limited time, of my Instructions, & withall my Ship being very fowl & leaky was forced to bear away for this place.

Fort St George 21st March 168⅞ STEPHEN BRADLY.

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Rec^{d} a Letter from the Dutch Seconds Lady att Metchlepatam dated $\frac{4}{14}$ Instant, about her mony lent Mr Tillotson. Letter from Dutch 2ds Lady att Metchlepatam.

Ship Rebecca, Sloops Mary, Gingerlee, & Thomas, their dispatches for Bengall, approved, signed and delivered Capt Thomas Batten, Mr Joseph Bullock, Mr William Martin & Mr Stephen Williams. 22. Ship Rebecca & Sloops dispatches.

Ship Jaspar John Naylor Master, arrived from Acheen, & brought a Letter from Jonathan Unkettle Master of Ship Priaman, bound for the West Coast, dated in Dio the 7th January 168$\frac{6}{7}$, being in some distress. 23. Ship Jaspar from Acheen. Letter from Jonathan Unkettle.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}	PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}	THURSDAY 24.
MR ELIHU YALE	MR THOMAS LUCAS	
MR JOHN NICKS	MR JOHN GRAY	
MR THOMAS WAVELL	MR NATH HIGGINSON	
MR JOHN CHENEY.		

A Letter from the President to Sangana & Madapa att Conjeveron read & past excusing our not sending the Rent mony till a Phirm^{d} from the King. Letter to Sangana & Madapa.

Order'd that what mony Mr John Cheney shall have occation of, to pay for Paddy & Rice, be paid him by Mr Lucas in Dollars. Mr Lucas to pay Mr. Cheney Dollrs to pay for Rice & Paddy.

A Letter now rec^{d} from Thomas Davis the Interloper was read wherin he desires a Supply for his maintenance, which is order'd to be considered of hereafter. Letter from Davis Interloper to be considered.

Having been very busy hitherto, since Mr John Davis his coming from Coodaloor (as order'd) wee have not had leisure till now to proceed upon examination of the following particulars, Viz^{t} The Portonovo Merchants complaint against Mr William Cawley, & his answer, Mr Davis & Mr Wilson's complaint of ditto & his answer, as also Mr Cawley's charge against Mr Davis, and his answer and charge against Mr Cawley, we shall gradually and strictly enquire into their severall charges and answers, and then judge of itt accordingly, & what we have had this day is as followeth. No leisure till now to examine the business between Mr Davis & Mr Cawley &ca. to be gradually & strictly enquired into.

Portonovo Merchants their complaint of Mr Cawley rec^{d} the 2^{d} of October 1686 & Mr Cawley's answer dated 30th October 1686. Examination of the Portonovo Merchants complaint against Mr Cawley.

Mr Cawley acknowledges that he offered to strike one of the Portonovo Merchants, but denies to have actually Strook them, and Capt Goodlad, his Chief Mate and Doctor being present, when there was a quarrell between Mr Cawley and those Merchants, and heretofore affirmed to us, that he did not strike them then, itt must be further enquired into by Mr Ingram whether the accusation of the Merchants, relate to the same time, when Capt Goodlad &c^{a} were present.

Mr Cawley also acknowledges that he did upon a controversy he had with said Merchants about accompts depending between them, restrain them some time in the Factory, while they were bringing Cloth into the Factory, but denies to have confin'd them three dayes without Victualls, as the Merchants pretend & Mr Davis declares improbable.

The Said Merchants upon their being abused by Mr Cawley repairing with a complaint to Coodaloor, refused to return to Portonovo, till they had rec^{d} satisfaction, though there was then business att Portonovo of the R^{t} Honble Comp^{ys} to be dispatch'd, in consideration whereof Mr Davis and Mr Willson by Consultation,

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thought itt necessary to give the Said Merchants amt to about Pago 56 without which they could not prevail with the Merchants to return, till they should receive answer from the President, & itt do's not appear that the said Pago 56 was given them by Mr Davis for the gaining of Pago 2000 Credit, as Mr Cawley seems to intimate in his answer.

Of Mr Davis & Mr Willsons complaint against Mr Cawley.

Mr Davis & Mr Willsons complaint of Mr Cawley in Coodaloor Generall dated 25th. October 1686 and Mr Cawley's answer dated the 3d Novemr 1686.

Article 1st. The Merchants accusing him to Mr Davis of Saying, that his Credit, was as good, as the Rt Honble Compas he offers his Oath to the contrary.

Article 2d. The Books were finished all but a few Articles, but being taken from him by Mr Davis, he could not compleat them.

Of Mr. Cawley's charge against Mr. Davis.

The remainder of Mr Cawleys answer, to the Coodaloor Generall, is contained in Mr Cawley's charge against Mr Davis, of the 4th Novemr 1686 which follows to be considered, with Mr Davis answer thereto.

Article 1st. That Mr Davis has made a benefitt by the exchange of Pagodas itt do's appear, that in former Years, the difference of said exchange, was brought to Proffit & Loss, but Mr Cawley being then Book keeper, omitted to bring the same into last years books, which is since brought into this years books by Mr Willson, and the whole amount of Pagodas, was not more then 50 or 60 Pago, the differences about 3 Pagodas.

Article 2d. That Mr Davis has bought two Horses, of his particular Servant Peddana, which he acknowledges, but affirms, that they are not dear bought, having been offered more money for them, then they cost, and that Mr Ingram, was then only of Councill, and that they were bought by Consultation, as he will make appear. That he presented his said Servant Peddana, with three yards of Scarlett, as often as he presents the Merchants, which he acknowledges, and thinks reasonable, for the good Service he doe's the Rt Honble Compa but referrs itt to us, whether he shall repay itt or no. But as to the five yards given to Peddana, itt doe's appear, to be Mr Davis his own Cloth, and for his own accompt.

That Mr Davis Servant has a Horse kept in the Stable, which Mr Davis offers his Oath, that he payes the charge himself, and Mr Cawley owns, that he cannot make the contrary appear.

That Mr Davis favours the Merchants in Sorting Cloth, wherein wee being very inquisitive, as relating so much to the Rt Honble Compas interest, & that the Rt Honble Company had formerly complain'd of Coodaloor goods, Mr Lucas doe's Attest that (Mr Alford and Mr Fraser present) opening Severall Bales of every sort of goods, that came in October last from Coodaloor, they found them, in their Judgment well Sorted, according to our Musters here, But as to the difference, between him and Mr Davis, about taking in Cloth, which Mr Cawley had turn'd out Mr Ingram and Mr Willson declare, that they have examined Severall times some peeces of Cloth, which Mr Cawley had rejected, and finding them to bee as good as Muster, have taken them in, and what Mr Cawley saies about Sorting, must relate to Said goods, because Mr Cawley ha's not been above twelve months att Coodaloor.

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Agreed that the Councill meet early tomorrow morning to proceed upon the further examination of the premises. Councill to meet tomorrow.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
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JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO : WAVELL.
NAT̃ : HIGGINSON.
J$^{O}_{N}$: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

Ship Rebecca Capt Thomas Batten Commander, Sloop Mary Jos. Bullock Master, Sloop Gingerlee William Martin Master & Sloop Thomas Stephen Williams Master Sailed early this morning for Bengall. 24. Ship Rebecca & Sloops sailed.

Ship Curtana Capt Anthony Weltden Commander arrived here this evening from England and on her, Mr William Hatsill M^{r} [*Lacuna in the original*] Farwell and M^{r} [*Lacuna in the original*] Sherrar free Merchants. Ship Curtana from England. Three free Merchts on her.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Metchlepatam dated the 12th Instant. Generall from Metchlepa.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAÕ

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR ELIHU YALE MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS MR JOHN GRAY
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR JOHN CHENEY. FRIDAY 25.

The examination of Mr Cawley's charge against Mr Davis is here continued as followeth. Examination Mr Cawly's charge against Mr. Davis continued.

Article 3^{d}. That Mr Davis has presented att Portonovo & Coodaloor so largly, as that the greatest part, of Pag^{o} 1000 might have been yearly Saved, the Pag^{o} 63 to Santogee Pontolo, was given by Mr Davis when att Madras, & his Councill att Coodaloor, but is approved by Mr Ingram & Mr Willson as necessary, but for what presented to the Dutch not allowable.

Article 4th. As to the Sortment of the Cloth, 'twas yesterday fully examined on the 2^{d} Article, As to the Musters Mr Davis owns, that there is one Muster & no more Viz^{t} the head Muster of Beteelaes, which is better att Portonovo then att Coodaloor, but the contract was made by the Musters att Coodaloor, & therefore could not sort by the Musters of Portonovo, however sorted no Cloth by said head Muster of Beteelaes, & affirms that the Coodaloor Musters were sent from Fort St George, by which he saies he is obliged to Sort, if they had been Dungarees.

Mr Cawley doe's offer his Oath, that when he advised Mr Davis to sort by the Portonovo Musters, Mr Davis did give him for answer, that he would do what he pleased, for all him.

As to what Mr Cawley charges Mr Davis with managing the Comp^{ns} business without Consultations, Itt does appear, that they have Signed to Letters & Consultations, yet that he did not advise with them in a regular way before the transacting of business.

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As to Mr Davis his ordring the entry of the Acct^s of expences 'tis what belongs to all Chiefs to examine all accots & see them duly enter'd, but Mr Cawley affirms in generall, that he uses to enter things under wrong heads, but not remembring any particular instance, he is to peruse the acct of expences, & give us a report thereof.

Article 5th. As to Charges of repaires Mr Gray affirmes, that there was occation for repairing of the House Mr Cawley mentions, & Mr Ingram & Mr Willson are of the same opinion.

Letters & Souldiers p Curtana to be sent for ashoar.

The Curtana Capt Anthony Weltden Commander coming in here and the Commander coming ashoar this morning, to know if we had any service for Bengall, & understanding by him, that he had on board Letters from the Rt Honble Comps to the Agent & Councill in Bengall, as also 23 Souldiers &cª for said place, & being thought very convenient for the Rt Honble Compss affaires that we have a sight of their Hours Letters (the Ship coming from Portsmouth in June last) Itt is order'd that the Secretary do give the Commander an order to bring them ashoar, as also the Souldiers (to remain here) having great occation for them att this place, as by the report of our Councill of Officers, which we have already advised the Rt Honble Comps of, in giving them an acct of our condition.

Petty Land custome upon Paddy & Rice to be excused.

Upon the Order we made the 17th Inst that Paddy & Rice brought in should pay Petty Land Custome, as formerly, wee find that many do forbear to bring itt in, Wee therefore think convenient to order that the said Custome be excused a little longer, till the troubles in the Country bee over.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J$^{O}_{N}$: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

Order to Capt Weltden.

To Capt Anthony Weltden
Comdr of Ship Curtana.

Wee do hereby order you to send ashoar what Souldiers you have on board in the service of the Rt Honble English East India Comps as also all the Letters you have from the said Rt Honble Company for Bengall.

Fort St George
25th March 1687. By order of the President & Councill.
JOHN STABLES Secry.

25. Ship Concord from Trincombar.

Ship Concord arrived from Trincombar.

26. Letter from Ralph Ingram advising the change of Governours.

Recd a Letter from Ralph Ingram att Coodaloor dated the 22nd Instant advising that Cashee Pontolo is put in the place of Harja Maha Raja, & Timmage Pontolo, in the place of Gopall Pundit, who was coming thether, & that he expected to meet with no small trouble, therefore desires what force wee can, to be sent immediatly, to secure the Rt Honble Compss concernes.

28. Generall from Conimeer.

Recd a Generall from Conimeer dated 26th Instant, concerning the King of Siams Ship att Pullicherry now there, & more expected.

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MUNDAY 28.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R
MR ELIHU YALE MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS MR JOHN GRAY
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR JOHN CHENEY.

Goods brought in att Coodaloor ready to be sorted near Pago 20,000.

Having rec^d advice from Mr Ralph Ingram att Coodaloor that the Merchants had brought in near Twenty Thousand Pagodas in goods to be Sorted, & that new Governours were put into the places, of Harja Maha Raja, & Gopall Pundit, which he feared would cause some trouble in those Parts, Itt was proposed to most of the Councill to go, who excusing themselves in being Strangers to the place & business, & the Investment & Contract being begun by another, they might find some impediments therein, Itt was therefore thought absolutly necessary to deferr the further examination of Mr Cawleys charge against Mr Davis, and to send Mr Davis (as being best acquainted with the people & Government, & to send another, would encrease the charge & probably meet some obstructions,) Mr Mose & Mr. Willson, with all speed to Coodaloor, to dispatch the Sorting of the Cloth, & sending itt hither, as wee shall hereafter advise, & to take care of the mannagment of the R^t Honble Comp^as concernes there, upon the alteration of the Governours, who otherwise might give us more trouble, & for the better Securing the Factory & the concerns there. Itt is order'd that ten Souldiers be sent thether on the Curtana; And to pay the Washers & defray the expences of the Factory, Itt is order'd that Pag^o 500 bee delivered Mr Davis, & Mr Griffith having recovered his health, Itt is order'd that he return with Mr Davis.

Examination of Mr Cawleys charge against Mr Davis deferred.

Mr Davis &ca to be sent to Coodaloor. Reasons given for sending them.

Ten Souldiers to be sent on the Curtana.

Mr Griffith to return to Coodaloor.

Mr Davis being to go to Coodaloor as above order'd, & desiring leave to lade Some goods for said place, aboard the Curtana, upon freight as usuall Itt is order'd that the Secretary do give the Commander, an order to receive them att one Pag^o freight p̄ Candy.

Mr Davis permitted to lade goods on the Curtana for Coodaloor.

The Loyall Adventure being dayly expected, hearing by a Ship that lately came from Acheen, that she was ready to come from thence, Itt is thought most convenient to send her (after her arrivall here) for Metchlepatam, Madapollam, & Pettepollee (instead of the Trevitore) where she may take in part of her Lading for England, & bring away the R^t Honble Comp^as Servants & concernes from those places, & save the charge of hiring a Country Ship.

Loyall Adventure being dayly expected to be sent to the Northward after her arrivall. Charge of hiring a Country Ship saved thereby.

Order'd that the Lead & Armes on board the Curtana from England be taken ashoar, Viz^t the Lead, because wee judge they have no occation of itt in the Bay, having sent hither, a great quantity upon the hired Ships, att a dear freight Viz^t 4 lb p̄ Tonn; The Swords, Musquets, Coats &c^a belonging to the Souldiers, because we have order'd them to be kept here, and the Granado Shells, which may bee very Serviceable to us, in case the Mogull should come down upon us, & that a small Morter peece be bought of Capt Weltden, which he is perswaded to spare us, & may be very usefull to us.

Curtana to bee unladen.

Mr Willcox &c^a att Conimeer, having advised us in their Generall of the 26th Ins^t rec^d this morning, that there is a Ship belonging to the King of Siam, att Pullicherry & severall more expected, Itt is order'd that the Curtana Capt Anthony Weltden Commander, be sent along the Coast to the Southward, to see if he can meet with them, or any other Enemies Ships, & that orders be given him accordingly, & att her return to bee sent into the Bay, she being consigned thether from the R^t Honble Comp^a which should not have been diverted, but upon this extraordinary occation.

Siam Ship att Pullicherry. more Siam ships Expected there. Curtana to be sent to the Southward to meet with them. att her return to be sent into the Bay.

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Lead to be continued aboard the Curtana.

In regard itt would take up a considerable time to bring the Lead out of the Curtana ashoar, & ballast her againe, Itt is order'd that itt be continued on board, till her return from the Southward.

Saphir Frigat to go to Portonovo. 100 Candy Saltpeetre to be Sold.

The Saphir Frigat being out of repair Itt is order'd that she go to Portonovo river to fitt, and await our further orders.

Being in great want of mony & a very good price offered for Saltpeeter Viz^{t}, Pag^{o} 8$\frac{1}{2}$ $\bar{p}$ Candy, Itt is order'd that 100 Candy be disposed of, att said price, which we should not have Sold, but to Supply our necessities, and that 'tis a considerable advance.

Wheat to be sold itt beginning to spoil.

Mr Lucas reporting that the Wheat begins to be very musty, and the Worm getting into itt, & fearing itt will not keep, Itt is order'd that he dispose of itt, as well as he can, reserving only sufficient for the Table for a years expence.

P 1000 to be paid Mr Wavell.

Order'd that Pag^{o} 1000 be paid Mr Thomas Wavell Paymaster Gener^{ll} to defray the Charges of the Garrison &c^{a}.

William Gyfford.
Elihu Yale.
Tho: Lucas.
John Nicks.
John Gray.
Tho: Wavell.
Nat: Higginson.
J$^{o}_{n}$: Cheney.

John Stables Sec^{ry}

28. Skipper Thomas Ship from Acheen.

A Ship belonging to Skipper Thomas, himself master, arrived here from Acheen.

29. Mr. Richards & Mr. Lindo from Pullicherry.

Mr Richards & M^{r}. Lindo arrrived here from Pullicherry.

30. Generall &ca from Madapollam.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Madapollam, dated the 16th Instant with Diary & Consultations, Acc^{t} Cash, Stewards acc^{t} of Factory Expences, Stewards Acc^{t} Currant, and the particulars of Madapollam Factory Expences, for the months of January and ffebruary last.

Generall from Metchlepatam.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Metchlepatam dated 16th Instant.

Generall from Samuell White.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Samuell White att Mergen dated $\bar{p}^{mo}$ Instant.

Letter from Mr. Richards & Mr Lindo.

Rec^{d} a Letter from Arthur Richards & Joseph Lindo, dated in Pullicherry, the $\bar{p}^{mo}$ Ins^{t} they having left the King of Siams Ship & sent this Letter, before they came from thence, not thinking to have come so soon themselves.

Thursday 31. No Consultation.

No business offered for Consultation.

April $\bar{p}^{mo}$ Severall Ships arrived here.

This day Severall Ships arrived here Viz^{t} The Loyall Adventure Capt William Goodlad Commander & the Phenix William Miller Master both from Acheen, The Amity William Rolls Master from China, The Wellcome John Smith Master, from the Coast of Gingerlee, & the Pearle William Duckett Master from Bengall.

Generall &ca from Bengall.

Rec^{d} by the abovesaid Ship Pearle a Generall from Bengall dated in Higilie the 28th of February last, giving an accompt of the proceedings in the Warr, with Invoyce & Bill of Lading for 400 Maunds of Rice aboard Said Ship.

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This evening Mr John Davis, Mr Christopher Willson and Vicessimus Griffith sett out for Coodaloor. Mr Davis &ca set out for Coodaloor.

This afternoon the Wind blowing fresh, the Portugues Ship, Capt Stephen Bradly sent hither from Portonovo, having no Pass, for want of Laskars being on board, good Cables & Anchors, was drove out of this Road, & run ashoar a little to the Northward of this place. 2. Portugues ship run ashoar.

Recd a Letter from Ralph Ingram att Coodaloor dated 30th past with a Letter to the President from Timmage Puntolo the new Avaldar. 3. Letter from Ralph Ingram. Letter from Timmage Pontolo.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNR		MUNDAY.
MR ELIHU YALE	MR THOMAS LUCAS	4.
MR JOHN NICKS	MR JOHN GRAY	
MR THOMAS WAVELL	MR	
MR		

The Presidents Cash Book for the month of March read & past the ballance being. . . . . Pago 448 : 28 : 1. Cash Acct for March.

The Land Customer Mr John Gray his Book of Accompts for the month of ffebruary read and past as followeth. Land Customers acct for ffebrury.

Land Custome	... Pago	8 :	32 :—
Petty Land Custome ...	... „	38 :	05 : 13
Paddy Toll att the Banksall	... „	5 :	17 : 28
Measurers duty	... „	26 :	04 : 56
Weighers duty	... „	—:	06 : 38
	P..	78 :	30 : 07

The Paymaster Mr Thomas Wavell his Book of Accompts for the month of ffebruary read and past as followeth. Paymasters acct for February.

Charges Garrison	... Pago	946 :	14 :—
Charges Generall	... „	456 :	35 : —
Charges Diett	... „	399 :	21 : 47
Charges Extraordinary ...	... „	513 :	15 : 26
Charges Cattle	... „	172 :	09 : 53
Charges Merchandise ...	... „	144 :	08 : 21
Accompt Fortifications &ca	... „	121 :	04 : —
By a mistake in January ...	... „	12 :	— : —
	P ...	2765 :	35 : 63

Taking into consideration the contract made by Mr Davis &cn att Coodaloor with the Portonovo Merchts that itt would be a great discredit & future inconvenience to receed from what they had done, we do agree to confirm itt, & accordingly to give order to them in our next, to proceed upon itt, only advising them to make the tearmes something more advantageous, as to the commencemt of the Interest, & itt is also order'd, to send what Europe goods to them on said contract, that the Curtana can well take in, and that they provide att Coodaloor, to the vallue of Pago 50 or 100 in firewood, & att Conimeer to the vallue of Pago 50 Portonovo contract taken into consideration. Portonovo contract confirmed. Europe goods to be sent to Portonovo on the Curtana. Firewood

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[4TH.] tobe provided att Coodaloor and Conimeer. & that Sloop James be dispatcht from Portonovo to Conimeer, to take in what Bales, they have remaining of their last contract, & in regard the new Sobidar has sent the President a friendly letter, Itt is thought unnecessary to send any Souldiers to Coodaloor as formerly ordered.

Sloop James to take in Conimeer goods.

No souldiers to go to Coodaloor.

Notwithstanding wee had formerly order'd the Saphir Frigat to go to the Southward, yet now having rec[d] advices from the Bay, that they are in want, of severall necessarys, for building ffortifications &c[a] Itt is order'd that she proceed directly thether, & that what things they desire, & we can provide in a short time, be sent upon her, to supply their occations.

Saphir Frigat to go to Bengall.

Necessarys to be sent on her.

Order'd that the Gold from Acheen in the Loyall Adventure be brought ashoar & delivered to the Mint to be coyned, & that the Rice from Bengall upon the Pearle be landed, & laid up for stores of this Garrison.

Gold p̃ Loyall Adventure to be brought ashoar and Coyned.

Rice from Bengall to be laid up.

The Agent & Councill in Bengall, being fearfull that their advices to Surat, have miscarried, not having heard from thence of a long time, & desiring us, to advise them of the affairs in the Bay, Itt is order'd that wee send them by express Peons, by way of Goa, a coppy of their letter to us, of the 28th ffebruary, rec[d] here the p̃[mo] Instant.

Bengall advices to be sent by express Peons to Surat.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
N[AT]: HIGGINSON.

JOHN STABLES Sec[ry].

J[N]: CHENEY.

5. Generall to Coodaloor and a Letter to Timmage Pontolo new Avaldar of Portonovo dated this day approved and Signed.

6. Genlls to Conimeer & Surat.

Genll[s] to Conimeer & to Surat to be sent Viâ Goa, dated this day approved & signed.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR ELIHU YALE — MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS — MR JOHN GRAY
MR THOMAS WAVELL — MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR JOHN CHENEY.

THURSDAY 7.

Sea Customers acot for March.

The Sea Customer M[r] John Nicks his Book of Accompts for the month of March read and past as followeth.

Sea Custome	Pag[o].	90 : 33 : 07
Anchoridge of Ships & Vessells ...	„	37 : 18 : 75
Curtain Godown rents	„	2 : — : —
Botiqua rents Six months past ...	„	88 : 22 : 94
Licences to utter Liquors by retail	„	90 : 07 : —
Register of Houses & Slaves ...	„	4 : 28 : —
	P.	313 : 34 : 76

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Mr Nathaniell Higginson read his Accompts of the Mint, for the month of February which was past as followeth. Mint acct for ffebruary.

Recd for Mintage duties upon particular persons	} P	
Gold coined Pago 9004 att ½ p Ct.	}	45 : 01 : 2
Recd for Mintage duties of 20 Veece Cash		—: 20 : —

Mr Thomas Lucas & Mr Nathaniell Higginson report the weight of Gold by the Loyall Adventure from Acheen, delivered into the Mint Viz.t. Report of the weight of Gold p Loyall Adventure.

		oz.	dwt.
100 Bancoll of Rock Gold	poiz	143	: —
4094 Acheen Mace	,,	75	: 06

The Agent & Councill in Bengall having desired a great number of Laskars, which are not procurable here, Itt is order'd that Mr Freeman &ca att Metchlepatam & Mr Wales &ca att Madapollam, do provide what number they can, & that some Ship bound for Bengall, be order'd to call there & take them in, Capt Bradly having as many from hence, as his Ship can conveniently carry, but in case they come away from those Factorys, before an oppertunity offers, then to bring the Laskars with them hither, upon the Loyall Adventure, to be sent afterwards to the Bay as wee can. Lascars to be provided att Metchlepā & Madapollam for Bengall. how to send them for Bengall.

A parcell of Rice offering to Sale, Itt is order'd to be bought att the lowest price, to be paid for in a months time, being for Stores for this Garrison. Rice to be bought.

Mr John Pitt & Mr Samuell Owen deliver in their Diary of their Acheen voyage in the Loyall Adventure, Stewards accompt of Expences Adventures Invoyce & Acct Currant which are order'd to be perused, examined & enter'd in the Generall Books. Diary &ca of the Acheen voyage p Loyall Adventure.

Considering the danger approaching of the Mogulls coming down upon us, Itt is thought convenient to appoint Tuesday next for the Captaines of Ships, & other experienced men to go along with us about the Walls, & Points, to observe their defence, & to try our Morter peeces, & see what is wanting, necessary to be done for the safeguard of this Garrison. A day appointed to survey the Garrison &ca.

The Heer Laurence Pitt being newly come to the Government of Palliacat, Itt is thought convenient that Mr Lucas & Mr Gray accompanied by Mr John Hill & Mr Gabriell Roberts do go thether, this evening to compliment him, on this occation. Mr Lucas &ca to go & compliment the Heer Laurence Pitt.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT HIGGINSON.
JO CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

A Portugues Ship arrived here from Macao. 7. Portugues ship from Macao.

This evening Mr Lucas &ca Sett out for Palliacat, and with them a letter of compliments from the President to the new Governour upon his coming to the place. Mr Lucas &ca set out for Palliacat.

Recd a Generall from Conimeer dated the 5th Instant. 8. Generall from Conimeer.

This morning Mr Lucas &ca returned from Palliacat with a Letter of thanks, from the Governour to the President. 9. Mr Lucas &ca return'd from Palliacat.

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Sloop Pilgrim for Madapollam.

Sloop Pilgrim John Phillips Master sailed for Madapollam.

Att a Consultation

Present

Munday 11.

William Gyfford Esqr President & Governour.
M^r. Elihu Yale — Mr Thomas Lucas
M^r. John Nicks — M^r. John Gray
M^r. . — M^r. Nath Higginson
Mr John Cheney.

Sallary not to be paid till next half year.

In regard wee are in want of mony, Itt is order'd that the Sallary due & payable in this place, the 25th of last month, to the R^t Honble Comp^as Servants be deferred till the next half year.

P 1000 to be paid Mr Wavell. Concerning Mr. Rolls.

Order'd that Pag^o 1000 be paid Mr Thomas Wavell Paymaster gener^ll to defray the charges Garrison &c^a.

Taking into consideration what the R^t Honble Comp^a writes concerning Mr Rolls, in their Generall to Bengall, of the 5th of September 1683, Paragraph the 20th. and also having notice, that there is Some concernes of Mr Constant Phaulkon s aboard his Ship, Itt is order'd that the latter be referred to the Admiralty, & that wee write to Bengall concerning the other.

Two months advance to be paid 4 of the Saphirs men. to be charged to the Owners of the Nathaniell. the Capt of the Nathaniell to be advised of itt.

Four of the Saphirs men, belonging to the Nathaniell, having Petition'd (as enter'd next after this Consultation) for two months advance to pay for Cloaths & other necessaries, which Capt Bradly acquaints us they are in great want of, Itt is order'd that Mr Cheney do pay them, and that itt be charged to the Accompt of the Owners of the Nathaniell, and advice given thereof to her Commander, that he may likewise charge itt to them, upon accompt of their wages.

Generall to Conimeer. Mint acot for March.

Generall to Conimeer dated this day read and past.

Mr Nathaniell Higginson read his Acc^ts of the Mint for the month of March which was past as followeth.

The Accompt of Coyning the R^t Honble Comp^as Gold, being 324 Copangs by Ship Annapourna from Manilla produced net ... ... Pag^o 1668 : 01 :—.
Rec^d for Mintage duties upon particular persons Gold coyned Pag^o 22041 att $\frac{1}{2}$ p̃ C^t ... ... „ 110 : 07 : 3.

William Gyfford.
Elihu Yale.
Tho : Lucas.
John Nicks.
John Gray.
Tho : Wavell.
Nat : Higginson.

John Stables Sec^ry. J^o N : Cheney.

Coppy Petition of 4 of the Saphir Frigats men.

To the Honble William Gyfford Esqr President & Gover^nr of Fort St George &c^a Councill.

The humble Petition of Thomas Taylor, Zachariah Hescott [,] Samuell Whiteing & Robert Martin

Sheweth,

That whereas your humble Petitioners were Shipt on board the Ship Nathaniell, under the command of Capt John Mason deceased, & bound for Fort

[11TH.]

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S^{t}. George, & the Bay of Bengall, in the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Service, we were by order of our abovesaid Commander, put on board the Ship Saphir, and after a long passage wee arrived att Fort St George, att which place, we were to return aboard the abovesaid Ship Nathaniell, but said Ship, being gone for the Bay, before our arrivall, ha's left us destitute of necessarys fitting for the Sea, Wherefore your Petition^{rs} humbly desire your Hon^{r} &c^{a} to furnish us with two months pay, that we may honestly discharge our debts for Cloths &c^{a} which have been made up some time, & will be deliver'd us, on paym^{t} of our mony, without which wee are not able to proceed upon any voyage, soe hoping your Hon^{r} &c^{a} will take itt into consideration.

And your humble Peti^{rs} shall ever pray &c^{a}

11, Ship Loyall Captain arrived from England. Three Packetts from the Rt Honble Compa by her.

Ship Loyall Captaine, Capt Francis Eldred Commander arrived here from England, who brings three small Packets from the R^{t} Honble Company Viz^{t} One Packett containing Duplicate of the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Gen^{ll} to Fort St George, of the 24th ffebr^{ry} 168$\frac{5}{6}$ with the addition of a Postscript not in the former of the same date, rec^{d} p$\tilde{}$ the Rebecca, Invoyce & Bill of Lading of the Loyall Captaine, Charterparty d^{to} & List of the Packet, Another Packet cont^{g} The Dep^{ty} Governours letter to ffort St George dated the 14th Aprill 1686. Letter from the Accomptant dated 10th Aprill 1686. Commission to M^{r}. Ralph Ord to be Judge of the Admiralty Court, on the West Coast, and the agreement made with the Souldiers on the Rebecca & Loyall Captaine. Another Packet cont^{g} Letter from Mr Robert Blackborne, dated 20th Aprill 1686 & a List of the Supernumeraries muster'd on board the Royall James, Rochester & Beaufort.

Genll &ca from Metchlepatā Letter from Capt Batten.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Metchlepatam, dated Ultm^{o} last month, with a paper of news, also a Letter from Capt Batten Commander of the Rebecca, dated 29th past, giving an accompt of his missing Leslie, & that he and the three sloops sailed for Bengall the 30th past.

12 Richard Knipe & five passengers came ashoar from the Loyall Captaine.

This morning Mr Richard Knipe the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} servant, entertained for the West Coast for three years att Thirty pounds p$\tilde{}$ Ann$\tilde{}$ (Mr John Turner died in the voyage) came ashoar from the Loyall Captaine, as also three free Merchants & two women Viz^{t}

Mr Richard Darley.
Mr Weyman Clyfee.
Mr Edwd Cornesnell.
Mrs Penelope Duncomb.
Mrs Elizabeth Wigg.

President &c^{a} Surveyed the Garrison.

The President &c^{a} as appointed the 7th Ins^{t} Surveyed the Garrison.

13. Peons brought back our Letters from the Mogulls Camp. THURSDAY 14.

The Peons that were sent the 17th ffebruary last, with Letters to the Mogull, Nabob & Vakeel att the Mogulls Camp, returned & brought back said Letters with them, not finding the Vakeel, as others had done before.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}
MR ELIHU YALE MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS M^{R}
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR JOHN CHENEY.

Warehouse accts for ffebrury.

The Warehouse day Book of Accompts for the month of ffebra^{ry} read and past.

Loyall Capt to be unladen.

Order'd that the Loyall Captaine bee unladen.

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[14th.] Saphir Frigat to go to Madapoll. Loyall Capt. to go to Metchlepa. both order'd to go to Bengall & take in Laskars for the Bay.

In regard of our fears that the Mogull may send down some part of his Army, to Metchlepatam & Madapollam, Itt is order'd that the Saphir Frigat (first taking out 5 ton of Iron, & the Lead continued on board) go to Madapollam, & the Loyall Captaine (after she is unladen) to Metchlepatam, to lie there, till the Loyall Adventure comes, or that they see no cause to detaine them there, but to dispatch them away for the Bay, (according to our orders & dispatches) which they are to bee order'd in such case to do, & that they take in what Laskars they can procure for Bengall.

Obstructions, impediments & complaints of the Mint. reasons there of enquired into of Mr Nathaniell Higginson. Reasons given by Mr Higginson.

Having had great Obstructions & impediments in the Coyning of the mony in this Mint, & complaints from severall Merchants, for detenchion of their mony, paying great interest for the Same, Itt was taken into consideration, & the reasons thereof enquired into of Mr Nathaniell Higginson, who supplies the place of Mintmaster, who gave us a report thereof as followeth.

There is now a considerable parcell of Gold imported by black Merchants ready to be Coyned, but the Braminee & Mr Johnson differ so much in their Assay, that I know not how to proceed without your direction.

	Worse.			Better.		
Aprill 7—	oz.	dwt.	gr.	oz.	dwt.	gr.
No. 2 W $\frac{5}{16}$ Vashalignum.	22 :	19 :	15,	00 :	01 :	09,
3 W $\frac{1}{16}$ Marachitta.	17 :	16 :	10,	— :	— :	05,
4 W $\frac{1}{4}$ Challum.	12 :	11 :	18,	— :	— :	15,
10 W $\frac{1}{4}$ Ballachitty.	37 :	15 :	06,	— :	01 :	22,
11 W $\frac{5}{16}$ Servia Ballia.	23 :	0[5]	0[3],	— :	01 :	11,
Aprill 8—						
No. 2 W $1\frac{1}{4}$ Rangiah.	251 :	10 :	—,	3 :	02 .	21,
3 W $1\frac{1}{16}$ ditto	250 :	09 :	—,	1 :	14 :	10
4 B $\frac{7}{16}$ Ranga Chitty.	405 :	07 :	12,	— :	— :	—,
B 15 Fine Gold.	22 :	07 :	06,	— :	— :	—,
B 16 Fine Gold.	— :	02 :	—,	— :	— :	—,
oz.	1043 :	03 :	22,	5 :	02 :	21,

	Better.		
	oz.	dwt.	gr.
No. 2 W $\frac{5}{16}$ Vashalignum.	00 ,	00 .	00 :
3 W $\frac{1}{16}$ Marachitta.	— :	— :	— :
4 W $\frac{1}{4}$ Challum.	— :	— :	— :
10 W $\frac{1}{4}$ Ballachitty.	— :	— :	— :
11 W $\frac{5}{16}$ Servia Ballia.	— :	— :	— :
Aprill 8—			
No. 2 W $1\frac{1}{4}$ Rangiah.	— :	— :	— ;
3 W $1\frac{1}{16}$ ditto			
4 B $\frac{7}{16}$ Ranga Chitty.	1 ,	15 ;	12 :
B 15 Fine Gold.	3 :	07 :	01 :
B 16 Fine Gold.	0 :	— :	08 :
oz.	5 :	02 :	21 :

This Gold being all melted down, & from the Same peece, a part being delivered the Braminee, and a part to Mr Johnson, the Braminee reports itt Pagoda Matt, & Mr Johnson near $\frac{1}{2}$ a grain better, which is half p̃ Cent.

Another parcell of Gold imported by the Braminee of the Mint, to be coyned upon his own accompt, poiz oz 103 : 06 : 12 he reported to be Pagoda Mat, & Mr Johnson to bee $\frac{1}{2}$ gr better, which is something more then $\frac{1}{2}$ p̃ Ct whereupon I caused 5 oz thereof, to be remelted, with the addition of $\frac{1}{2}$ dwt. of Alloy, which is $\frac{1}{2}$ p̃ Ct and caused Assays thereof to be made, By the Braminee & Mr Johnson, the former reports itt to be $\frac{1}{2}$ p̃ Ct worse, the latter a little better then Pagoda Matt, both adheering to their first Assay, & I cannot suppose that the Braminee would knowingly make this parcell, $\frac{1}{2}$ p̃ Ct worse then itt is, because 'tis his own.

There has been frequent other instances of their disagreeing in the Assays, to the hindrance of the Coynage, & discouragment of the Importers, in so much that they have sometimes desired to have their Gold delivered them uncoin'd, & the

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difference has most frequently been, in Mr Johnsons reporting the Gold prepared for Pag° Matt, to bee better then Matt, as you may remember I have often acquainted you with particular instances, but either by adding a little Alloy, or reassaying, they have att length, come pretty near in their reports, so that I need not trouble you with any further notice thereof, but desire your Hon^r &c^a to observe one instance more, of the difference in their Assays, which to me is an argum^t of the uncertainty of both their Assays Viz^t. Reasons given by Mr Higginson.

One Ingot of Gold belonging to Mr James Paiva imported the 30th past, reported by the Braminee 4 $\frac{15}{16}$ worse then Pagoda Mat, by Mr Johnson car : 1 : gr. 1 : qr. 1 : which is more then $5\frac{1}{4}$ worse, then Pagoda Mat, I caused 10 dwt. thereof to be melted down, with 5 dwt. of fine Gold (Viz^t some Assay peeces after burning) which is after the rate of 8 p C^t worse, and then the Braminy reports itt to bee Pagoda Mat, but not being satisfied to Coyn itt att the rate of 8 p C^t worse, when Mr Johnson had before reported itt but $5\frac{1}{4}$ I desired him to make an Assay of the Same, after melted with the fine Gold, & he now reports itt to be Pagoda Mat.

I pretend not to understand Assays, & therefore do not reflect upon Mr Johnsons art, nor can I charge the Braminee, with any deceit in their Assays, but must declare to your Hon^r &c^a that they doe So frequently disagree, that unless there bee some remedy found out, the Coynage will bee discouraged, towards which, I cannot offer more to your consideration then this, that Mr Johnson & the Braminee do not agree what Pagoda Mat is, The Braminee Saies 'tis $8\frac{5}{8}$ Mr Johnson thinks itt less then $8\frac{5}{8}$ & as compared with the Standard of England, to bee car. 1 : gr. 1 : worse then Standard, whereas att the rate of $8\frac{5}{8}$ 'tis exactly car. 1 : gr. $1\frac{1}{2}$: till they agree in the Standard of the Coyn, they cannot agree in their Assays.

To which I think I may add, that on the 9th Instant, I delivered Mr Johnson, an Assay peece, of the R^t Honble Comp^ns Gold, but he has not yet done itt, though he has made other Assay's for himself, and others, two dayes since I demanded itt, he promised to do itt that day & also to make Assay of a parcell of Pagoda Mat, whereof the Braminees make all their Assay, & of a new parcell of Gold of 771 oz. prepared for Coyning, but instead of that, I hear he went aboard Ship, and is not yet returned, the Braminees & the Merchants clamor upon mee, to have the business go on, but I cannot proceed, here is 1700 Pagod^s of the Comp^ns & 17000 Pag° of the Merchants. He did not make any Assay that I know, of 2 or 3 parcells of Tonqueen Gold & was forced to Coyn itt without, your Hon^r wanting the money, nor can I yet prevail with him, after two months frequent demand to make restitution to the Braminee, of the Assay peeces of Gold, wch amount to above Pag° 30, but to satisfie them, that they should bee paid, I have taken Pag° 30 out of a parcell of Gold, imported by Mr Johnson, & keep by mee for their Security.

If you question anything I have Said, please to cause a strict enquiry to be made thereinto, by any of the Councill.

Upon debating of which, wee think itt absolutly necessary, as well for the R^t Honble Comp^ns advantage, as the dispatch of the Coyning of Gold brought to this Mint, that whatever persons are contented to stand to the Assay of the Braminee of the Mint, shall have their Gold coyned by them, & that Mr James Johnson, do with the Braminy Assay & Coyne the R^t Honble Comp^ns Gold, but (he Mr Johnson) not to meddle with any other besides, because wee have found so great inconveniency as before mention'd for want of dispatch, occation'd by his Ignorance, willfullness or Idleness. Resolve upon debating the business of the Mint.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO : LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO : WAVELL.
NAT : HIGGINSON.
J° : CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Sec^ry.

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[15TH]

Generall from Coodaloor.

Rec^d a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 11th Instant.

16.

Generall &ca from Surat.

Rec^d a Generall from Surat dated in Swally the 16th ffeb^ry last (being coppy of what they sent p Shipping, not yet rec^d) & the 21th & 22th ditto, & Coppy of Capt Terrells &c^a Letter to the Gen^ll &c^a Councill dated 12th Jan^ry 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

Ship Pearle for Madapollam.

Ship Pearle Edward Greenhill Master, sailed for Madapollam.

17.

Genll &c from Metchlepatam.

Rec^d a Gen^ll from Metchlepatam dated 4th Ins^t with a paper of news.

Sloop Success from the Southward.

Sloop Success John Steel Master arrived from the Southward with Rice.

Generall from Pettepollee. Ship Lyon from Coast Gingerlee.

Rec^d a Generall from Pettepollee dated the 7th Instant.

Ship Lyon Thomas Shephard Master, arrived from the Coast of Gingerlee.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR ELIHU YALE MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS M^R
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR JOHN CHENEY.

MUNDAY 18.

Pago 200 to be sent to Pettepollee.

Having rec^d advice from Pettepollee, that Pag^o 300 will not clear their Debts, Itt is order'd that Pag^o 200 more, be sent thether p the Loyall Adventure which makes in all Pag^o 500 to be sent by said Ship.

Storekeepers acct for March.

The Storekeeper Mr John Cheney, his Acc^t of Stores, bought, Sold, and expended for the month of March read and past.

Stores to be laden on the Loyall Capt for Bengall.

In regard the Loyall Captain, is order'd to proceed for Bengall, after she has been att Metchlepatam, Itt is order'd that part of the Stores provided for the Bay, which were to be laden on the Saphir Frigat, be now put on board the said Loyall Captain.

Curtana to be sent to Mergeu.

All things to bee prepared. Capt Weltden to have notice of itt. Not to proceed to the southward. Europe goods to be sent to Portonovo p Boa Vista & Trevicane. Trevicane to bring Bales & firewood from the Southward. Sloop James to go with Curtana. Soldiers to go on both.

Itt being now a fitting Season to sail for Mergeu, to execute the R^t Honble Comp^as orders, (which was intended by the Rebecca) of recalling all English from the King of Siams Service, but the Monsoon being contrary, 'twas deferr'd till this Season, Wee therefore in prosecution of said Orders, do think the Curtana, the most fitting for that design, & doe order that all things in conformity thereunto be prepared with all expedition, & that Capt Anthony Weltden, have notice given him thereof, that hee may get his Ship in a readiness as soon as possible, to proceed for Mergeu, and that he do not proceed to the Southern Factories as formerly order'd judging itt may bee too late to go upon this designe, after his return, & therefore itt is order'd, that the Europe goods, to comply with their Contract att Portonovo, be sent upon the Ships Boa Vista, & Trevicane, & that they lade, both att Coodaloor & Conimeer, what Bales & firewood they have in a readiness for this place upon the Trevicane, paying the usuall freight, not having any of the R^t Honble Comp^as Ships, that wee can spare to send upon this occation, Itt is also order'd that Sloop James bee Sent for from Portonovo to accompany the Curtana, to Mergeu, & that 40 Souldiers be order'd for both Viz^t 25 for the Curtana & 15 for the Sloop.

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Having advice from the Commander of the Loyall Captain, that 9 of the Modena's men with their Pinnace, was run away to a Dane's Ship, upon the Mallabar Coast, & now att Trincombar, Itt is order'd that a Letter be writt to the Commissary, to send them hither, as also the five Englishmen formerly arrived there from a Ship that was cast away upon St Laurence, we having now great occation for them. English Seamen att Trincombar. A letter to be writ the Commissary to send them hither.

Gen^lls^ to Metchlepatam, Madapollam, Pettepollee & Bengall read & past. Generalls read and past.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J$\frac{o}{N}$: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Sec^ry^.

19.

Generalls to Coodaloor & Conimeer dated this day approved & Signed. Genlls to Coodaloor & Conimeer

20.

Skipper Thomas his Ship Sailed to the Northward. Skipper Thomas ship sailed.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR — THURSDAY 21.
MR ELIHU YALE — MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS — MR JOHN GRAY
MR THOMAS WAVELL — MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR JOHN CHENEY.

Letter from the President to the Commissary of Trincombar. about sending the Englishmen hither, read and past. Letter to Trincombar.

Mr Yale read his Journall of the Generall Books of Accompts for the month of February which was past in Councill. Journall for February.

The Land Customer Mr John Gray his Book of Acc^ts^ for the month of March read and past as followeth. Land Customers accts for March.

Land Custome	Pag^o^	31 : 03 : 15
Choultry or Petty Land Custome	,,	30 : 15 : 28
Measurers duty	,,	105 : 06 : 32
Paddy Toll att the Banksall	,,	16 : 13 : 36
Weighers duty	,,	1 : —: 80
	P	184 : 02 : 91

Capt William Goodlad Commander of Ship Loyall Adventure, having made his request for Pag^o^ 300 upon acc^t^ of the agreem^t^ in Charterparty for provissions &c^a^ for his Said Ship, Itt is order'd to be paid him, accompting Dollars 17$\frac{1}{4}$ for 10 Pag^o^ is Dollars 517$\frac{1}{2}$ that being the Buzar price. Capt Goodlad desires Pago 300. Order'd to bee paid him.

William Ducket having desired leave to go to Bengall, upon the Ship Saphir Frigat, Itt is order'd that the Secretary do give the Commander an order to receive him, and his necessary's. Leave given William Duckett to go to Bengall.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J$\frac{o}{N}$: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Sec^ry^.

[22ND]

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, APRILL 1687.*——

Two Danes Ships Sailed. Capt Goodlads' dispatch.

Two Danes Ships Sailed for Trincombar without Saluting the Fort.

Capt Goodlads Dispatch to the Northern Factorys, dated this day approved, Signed & delivered to him.

Ship Diamond for Metchlepā

Ship Diamond James Hawks Master Sailed for Metchlepatam.

23. King of Englands Coronation.

This being the Coronation day of his present Majty of England King James the 2d there was 23 great Gunns, & 4 Vollies of Small Shot fired.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 25.

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR ELIHU YALE — MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS — MR JOHN GRAY
MR THOMAS WAVELL — MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR JOHN CHENEY.

Three yards Scarlett to be given Capt Weltden

To encourage Capt Weltden in this present design of the Siam business, Itt is order'd that 3 yards of Scarlet, be given him to make a Coate.

Seaverall papers relating to the Siam business read and past.

A Summons to all English men att Mergeu & Siam, to leave the King of Siam's Service, & repair hither, with our Protest upon their refusall, An acct of the Rt Honble Compas demands, upon the King of Siam, & our Declaration of reprisalls till satisfaction be made, A Letter to the King of Siam, giving him an acct of the damages Sustained by Constant Phaulkon, his Chief Minister of State, & of our sending the Curtana for reprisall, A Letter to [*Lacuna in the original*] Raja, Governour of Tenasseree, requiring him to Send Said Letter to the King, all dated this day, Also Capt Weltdens Commission, dispatch, and Instructions to Mergeu not dated all read and past.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STABLES Secty. J$^{o}_{N}$: CHENEY.

26. Lovall Adventure Sailed for the Northward.

Ship Loyall Adventure Capt William Goodlad Commander Sailed for Pettepollee, Metchlepatam, and Madapollam.

Ship Adventure from Surat. Packett read by her from thence.

Ship Adventure, Thomas Hickes Master, arrived from Surat & brought their Generall dated 16th ffebry last, & coppy of Capt Terrells letter to the Generll &ca att Surat, dated 12th January past (coppy of both formerly recd overland) also another Generall dated 16th ffebry with Coppy of Surat Generall to the Rt Honble Compa dated 10th ffebry last, & of the Honble private Committees letter to Surat, dated the 31st March 1686.

THURSDAY 28. No Consultation.

The Councill met & discoursed of Severall things but agreed upon nothing to bee enter'd.

Letter from Sangana & Passanore Vincaty

Recd a Letter from Sangana Tarrufdar att Conjeveron, & another from Vincaty Putty, Seer Lascar of the Carnatta Country, with a Phirmaund from the King of

[28th]

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Gulcondah, ordring last & this years rent money due the beginning of June next, to be paid to the Seer Lascar. Putty with a Phirmaund from the king to pay the rent mony.

Rec[d] a Generall from Vizagapatam, dated the 7th Ins[t]. Also a Letter from the Merch[ts] of that place, containing complaints against M[r] Browne. Genll from Vizagapatam. Letter from the Merchts there.

Gen[lls] to Bengall, to Coodaloor, to Conimeer & Saphir Frigats dispatch for Bengall (touching att Madapollam by the way) all dated this day approved & signed, & the dispatch delivered to Cap[t] Bradly. 30. Generalls and Dispatch. Saphir Frigts dispatch delivered.

Rec[d] a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 26th Instant. Generall from Coodaloor.

This morning the following Ships Sailed out of this Road Viz[t] the Saphir Frigat, Cap[t] Stephen Bradly Commander, the Amity M[r] Will[m] Rolls Master both for Bengall, & the Moulsford Frigat Cap[t] Edward Inglish Commander for China. May (2mo) Severall Ships sailed hence.

Att a Consultation

Present

William Gyfford Esq[r] President & Governour	
M[r] Elihu Yale	M[r] Thomas Lucas
M[r] John Nicks	M[r] John Gray
M[r] Thomas Wavell	M[r] Nath Higginson

M[r] John Cheney.

Munday 2.

Having now rec[d] the King of Gulcondah's Phirmaund to pay last and this years rent mony to Passanore Vincaty Putty, Sallascar of the Carnatta Country, & therefore not being able to deferr itt any longer for any reason whatsoever, Itt is agreed to send itt to him by Braminee Devapa, & Seven Rashpoots, notwithstanding this years rent is not due, till the beginning of next month, the last years having been Eleven months in our hands, after due, which over ballances, paying the last a month before hand, & whereas he desires an understanding person to be sent to him, to discourse with, which we understand to be no other then sending a Tasheriff, wee agree to compliment him, & evade itt for the present, as p̃ contents of our Letter to him, till wee have his receipt for the Rent, & then if not to bee avoided, to consider of itt. Phirmaund recd from the King. Rent mony to be sent up to Passanore Vincaty Putty.

The Warehouse day Book of Accompts for the month of March read and past. Warehouse accotts for March.

The Paymaster Generall Mr Thomas Wavell his Book of Acco[tts] for the month of March read and past as followeth. Paymasters accotts for March.

Charges Garrison	Pag[o]	852 : 04 : —
Charges Generall	„	545 : 54 : —
Charges Diett...	„	446 : 13 : 21
Charges Extrãõ	„	14[s] : 26 : 63
Charges Cattle	„	42 : 15 : —
Charges Merchandise	„	77 : 36 : —
Acco[tt] Fortifications &c[a]	„	460 : 29 : —
	P	2574 : 14 : —

William Gyfford.
Elihu Yale.
Tho: Lucas.
John Nicks.
John Gray.
Tho: Wavell.
Nat: Higginson.
J[o]: Cheney.

John Stables Sec[ry].

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Letter to Passanore Vincaty Putty with P 2400 rent mony.

Letters from the President to Passanore Vincaty Putty and Saugana att Conjeveron, approved, signed & Sent with the Pag° 2400 for two years rent money, due the beginning of next month, as order'd Munday's Consultation, which notwithstanding itt is Sent this day, itt is enter'd in the Cash Book, as paid the 30th Aprill, that itt might bee brought into last years Books.

Ship Princes Sailed for Acheen

Ship Princess Thomas Absalom Master Sailed for Acheen.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 5.

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNR
MR ELIHU YALE — MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS — MR JOHN GRAY
MR — MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR JOHN CHENEY

Journall for March read.

Mr Yale read his Journall of the Generall Books of Accompts for the month of March which was past in Councill.

Pago 2400 rent mony sent for back with the reasons.

In regard itt is reported that the Sallascar of this Country, to whom wee Sent the 4th Inst Pag° 2400 for two years rent mony, is Sent for away from Conjeveron the President the Same night, order'd itt to be brought back, which being returned, Itt is now order'd to remain with us, till wee hear further news from Conjeveron, having Sent thether to inquire how affairs go there as to the said Sallascar.

Report of the weight of Acheen Mace.

Mr. Thomas Lucas & Mr Nathaniell Higginson report the weight of 727 Acheen Mace, delivered in by Mr Pitt on accot of the Acheen voyage p̃ the Loyall Adventure, which poiz 13 : 05 : 09 : Itt is order'd that they bee Coyned into fanams, as also what left of those Mace formerly delivered in by ditto.

oz. dwt. gr.

to be coyned into fanams.

Complaint against Mr Browne.

Mr Brown &c. to be sent for.

Having recd complaints from the Merchants of Vizagapatam against Mr Richard Brown Chief of that Factory, which appears to us att present to be necessary to be inquired into, & not being So well able to find out the truth of things, att Such a distance, Itt is order'd that he & the Merchants, Braminees & Conacoply's be Sent for hither, that wee may hear them face to face.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO : LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO : WAVELL.
NAT : HIGGINSON.

J$^{\circ}_{N}$: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

6.

Royall James from the West Coast, Packetts by her from thence.

Ship Royall James Capt John Wetwang Commander arrived here from the West Coast of Sumatra, & brought from thence four Packets, Vizt one from the Rt Honble Compa by the Berkley Castle containing their Hons Generall to Fort St George dated 9th June 1686. Coppy of his Majesties Letters Patents confirming the Rt Honble Compas Charter &ca. The Oath of a freeman, and papers concerning making Saltwater fresh. A Packett from York Fort containing their Generall to Fort St. George, dated 17th November, & 4th December 1686. Coppy of their Generall to the Rt Honble Compa dated 8th Octr 1686. Invoyce and Bill of Lading of Ship Royall James, & Accompt Currant. Another Packet from York Fort containing their Generall to Fort St. George dated 30th Decmr 1686. Coppy of a Generall from the Rt Honble Compa to them dated 9th June 1686 and Invoyce of Ship Royall James. The fourth Packett from Indrapoora containing their

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Generall to Fort S[t]. George dated the 28th ffebru[ry] 168$\frac{7}{8}$ & Postscript of the 2[d] March following, two Invoyces & two Bills of Lading from thence, Invoyce & Bill of Lading from Mandula, Thomas Stubbs his Diary & Acc[t] Expences att Manduta, & Coppy of Ship Berkley Castles Bill of Lading from England. On Said Ship came Edmu[d] Mountague & Tho. Stubbs from thence. Mr Mountague & Mr Stubbs on her.

7.

Rec[d] a Letter from the Commissary of Trincombar to the President dated the [*Lacuna in the original,*] being an answer to what writ about the Englishmen there. Letter from Trincombar.

8.

This morning Ship Boa Vista, Sailed for Portonovo, Manilla & Tonqueen. Ship Boa Vista sailed hence.

The President & Councill hearing that Severall Englishmen, were (clandestinely from other Ships in the road) gone aboard the George, William Brooke Master, & fearing that they designe, to go from Acheen to Tenasseree or Siam, the Secretary was order'd to write John Tyler & William Brooke the following order. Englishmen clandestinly gone aboard Ship George. Order to be writt about them.

To M[r] John Tyler &
M[r] William Brooke.

Fort S[t]. George 8th May 1687.

Having notice of Severall English men gone aboard your Ship George, more then those permitted you in our Pass Viz[t] John Tyler, Will[m] Brooke, Peter Russell, Robert Tyler, what are aboard you more then these, you are hereby order'd to send ashoar, & to carry no other English men with you this voyage, then abovementioned, as you will answer itt att your perrill. Coppy of Said order.

By order of Councill.
JOHN STABLES Sec[ry].

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERN[R]		MUNDAY 9.
M[R] ELIHU YALE	M[R] THOMAS LUCAS	
M[R] JOHN NICKS	M[R] JOHN GRAY	
M[R] THOMAS WAVELL	M[R] NATH HIGGINSON	
M[R] JOHN CHENEY.		

The Letters &c[a] papers rec[d] p̄ the Royall James, were read & considered, & by reason the Curtana was before the receipt thereof, order'd to proceed for Mergeu, & all things in a readiness for that designe, Itt is thought absolutly necessary, for the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] advantage, that she proceed as intended, though itt Seems in the Said Generall from their Hon[rs] to have the mannagement of that affair, referred to the Generall &c[a] att Surat, which they cannot do att this Season, which makes us unwilling to loose any present advantage, besides Some particular orders which encourage to itt. Letters &c[a] p̄ Royall James perused. Curtana to proceed to Mergeu.

Order'd that the Royall James be unladen, & that the Olibanum, and Sapan Wood, & Perpetuanos of propper coulors for China, be traverst aboard the Ship S[t]. George, now bound for Emoy, in conformity to the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] orders, in Sending upon their Hon[rs] acc[t] £ 2000 upon any probable good designe, which wee esteem this to bee, but cannot spare Dollars, to compleat that Summe. Royall James to bee unladen. Goods to be traverst for Emoy.

Order'd that the Dollars from the Royall James, be disposed of, all but Dollars 1700 for Coodaloor, & Dollars 1665$\frac{1}{2}$ for Conimeer, which we order to be Sent to those Factorys overland, to supply their urgent occations, according to their advices. Dollars to be Sold, & sent to Coodaloor & Conimeer.

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Paragraph concerning the Jews &ca. to be read to them. Mr Rodrigues to have a coppy of itt if he desires itt.

The Paragraph in the Rt Honble Compas Generall of the 9th June last, concerning the Jews & others carrying mony up to the Mines, is order'd to bee read to Mr Rodrigues (Mr Paiva & Mr do Porto being absent) and that hee have a coppy thereof if he desires itt, & that those here be Sent for to the Councill and discoursed thereon.

Sea Customers acct for Aprill.

The Sea Customer Mr John Nicks his Book of Accotts for the month of Aprill read and past as followeth.

Sea Custome	...	...	...	...	Pago 184 : 24 : 12
Anchoridge	...	...	...	...	„ 37 : 18 : 38
Curtain Godown rents	...	...	...		„ 6 : —:— :
Register houses &ca	...	...	...		„ 10 : 03 :—:
					P 238 : 08 : 75

Pago 1000 to be paid Mr Wavell. Loss upon the Mace if coyned into fanams. Maoe order'd to bee Sould.

Order'd that Pago 1000 bee paid Mr Thomas Wavell Paymaster Generall to defray the Charges Garrison &ca.

Mr Nathaniell Higginson Mintmaster informing us, that fanams growing cheaper, itt will bee a loss of half a fanam upon a Pagoda, to the Rt Honble Compas if the Mace bee Coyned into Said mony, as order'd the 5th Instant, Itt is therefore now order'd that they bee Sold for the Rt Honble Compas most advantage, since by reason of their low Mat, making them into Pagodas will bee a greater loss.

Generall to Coodaloor.

A Generall to Coodaloor dated this day read and past.

Concerning the order to Tyler & Brooke & their answer.

The Secretary having this morning recd an answer from John Tyler, & William Brooke, (as enter'd next after this Consultation), to the order sent to them last night, itt was read in Councill, but the said order being sufficient upon that accompt, itt is not thought convenient att present, to Send any other order to them, the former being att their own perrill, if they did not send all the Englishmen ashoar, that they had aboard, not mentioned in their Pass, And whereas in their Said answer they would excuse themselves, by saying that John Tyler, asked the Secretary, if itt was requisite to put any passengers into the Pass, the Secretary to clear himself offers to depose upon Oath, that Said Tyler, Brooke, nor any other person did ever mention any Such thing, to him, nor is itt likely they should, they & all the Englishmen, going aboard from Ships in the Road, the former without taking leave of the President, & the latter without the knowledge of the President and Councill.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J & Y: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

Madras road 8th May 1687.

Mr John Stables

Sr

Coppy of Tyler & Brookes answer.

Att the receiving of my Pass you may please to remember, that I gave you an accompt of what Englishmen was belonging to the Ship, which is as is mentoned in the Pass, but I asked you, whether itt was requisite to put any passengers into the Pass or no, your answer to me was, you only took nottice, of what

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people belongs to the Ship, therefore thought itt no trespass to carry any passengers, but as for any men that realy are in pay, or any of the Ships Seamen, I have not one, but what is mention'd in my Pass, So S^r^ I hope this may bee Satisfactory, with all due respects to his Hon^s^ &c^a^ Gentlemen, with the Same to yourself I rest and remaine S^r^

Your humble Servant

JOHN TYLER.
WILLIAM BROOKE.

9. Sloop James from Coodaloor & Conimeer & Generalls from thence. Concerning the English men aboard Tyler & Brooke.

Sloop James Henry Wheedon Master, arrived from Coodaloor & Conimeer & brought a Generall from the former dated the 4th Instant, & from the latter dated the 7th Ins^t^ with Invoyce & Bill of Lading for goods shipt aboard from that Factory.

This evening late the President & Councill being att Capt Fifett's buriall understood (and not before then) who those passengers were, that are gone aboard the George Viz^t^ John Faulkingham Supracargo of Ship Loyall Captaine Richard Atkins part owner of Said Ship Edward Cornwell and Wiman Cliff passengers that came out of England on d^to^ but the night comeing on, & the Land winds Sett in, wee could not but judge, that the said Ship had weighed, & was gone, therefore thought itt in vaine to Send off this night, though exceedingly troubled, that the Said forementioned persons, had run away in that manner, judging itt must bee a design'd thing before they came out of England.

10. Tyler & Brooke still in the Road. Order to Capt. John Wetwang to go aboard them.

This morning early Seing the Ship George, not yet gone, & finding that John Tyler & William Brooke, had not complied with our order sent them the 8th Instant, the President & Councill writ an order, to Capt John Wetwang Commander of the Royall James, to go in his Boat well mann'd and arm'd, to fetch the passengers & said John Tyler & William Brooke ashoar to answer their contempt, of his Majesty the King of Englands, Royall Proclamation, & the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ orders, as here after enter'd.

Coppy of the order to Capt. John Wetwang.

To Capt John Wetwang
Comd^r^ of Ship Royall James.

Whereas there are Severall of his Majesties Subjects (besides what are mention'd in their Pass) gone on board the Ship George, belonging to Mr John Tyler, whereof is Master William Brooke, with an intention (as wee hear) to go upon her to Siam, contrary to his Majesties Proclamation, or any knowledge or consent of ours, Wee do hereby order & require you in his Said Maj^ties^ & his R^t^ Honble East India Comp^as^ name, immediatly to go in your Boat, aboard Said Ship, with twelve of your Ships Company, well armed, & bring the Said Englishmen, by name, John Faulkingham, Richard Atkins, Edward Cornwell, Wiman Clyff, as also the said John Tyler & William Brooke ashoar, to answer their contempt of his Said Majestys Proclamation, & the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ orders, & this shall be your sufficient warrant for So doing, Dated in Fort St George the Tenth day of May One Thousand Six hundred Eighty & Seven.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THOMAS LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THOMAS WAVELL.
NATH. HIGGINSON.
JOHN CHENEY.

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Tyler & Brooke Sett Saile. A weift put out & a Gun Shotted, fired to call them to an Anchor. They take no notice of the Signe.

But Cap[t] Wetwang being aboard his Ship, and before the Said order could go off to him, the said Ship George weighed and Sett Sayle, & upon loosing her Topsail, wee put out a weift, and fired a Gun shotted, to command him to come to an Anchor againe, of which he took no notice, but made all the Saile he could away, without saluting the ffort, therefore wee immediatly, gave Cap[t] Weltden an Order (as next enterd after this Diary) to repair aboard his Ship, & use the utmost of his endeavours to bring the said Ship George againe into this Road, & secure the persons aboard till further order.

Order to Capt Weltden about them. Coppy of the order to Capt. Anthony Weltden.

To Cap[t] Anthony Weltden
Com[der] of Ship Curtana.

Wee do hereby order you immediatly upon receipt hereof to repair aboard your Ship, weigh Anchor, & setting saile, use the utmost of your endeavours, to bring into this Road, the Ship George, belonging to M[r] John Tyler, whereof William Brooke is Master, lately sett Sayle out of this Road, and is now in Sight, & when you have So done, Secure her, permitting no person to Stir out of her, till further order, & this shall bee your Sufficient warrant for So doing Dated in Fort S[t] George the 10th of May 1687.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THOMAS LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THOMAS WAVELL.
NATH. HIGGINSON.
JOHN CHENEY.

10. Ship Curtana Sailed after Tyler & Book [sic]. Packett for Bengall.

This evening the Curtana Cap[t] Anthony Weltden Commander, Sett Saile according to his orders, to endeavour to bring in the George, though she was got a great way to Sea, & some howers out of sight.

Cap[t] John Wetwang Commander of the Royall James, delivers a Packett from the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] to the Bay of Bengall, which is not to bee opened till the Councill meet.

11. Generalls read & approved

Generalls to M[r] John Gladman &c[a] Councill att Emoy, to M[r] Hatsill Cap Henry White, Cap[t] Edward Inglish, & the rest of the Supracargoes for particurla trade on the Ships S[t] George & Moulsford, dated this day approved and Signed, Said Letters are concerning an adventure of the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] laden aboard the Ship S[t] George for Emoy.

11. Padre Zenone died.

This evening died Padre Zenone, one of the old French Padres, aged 85 years, enterred in their Church.

12. GentueLetters received about the rent mony.

This morning rec[d] a Letter from Passanore Vincaty Putty Sallascar of this Country from Madana Anta Pontolo Tarrufdar att Conjeveron, & from Jago Vishvenado Pontolo, Governour of Pullymellee, about sending up the last & this years rent mony.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 12.

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ[R]	PRESIDENT & GOVERN[R]
M[R] ELIHU YALE	M[R] THOMAS LUCAS
M[R] JOHN NICKS	M[R]
M[R] THOMAS WAVELL	M[R] NATH HIGGINSON
M[R]	

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The Presidents Cash Book for the month of Aprill was read and past the Ballance being . . . . Pag° 1136 : 20: 1. Cash Acct for Aprill.

The Warehouse day Book of Accompts for the month of Aprill was read and past. Warehouse acct for Aprill.

Order'd that the Packett from the R^t Honble Comp^a for Bengall, deliver'd by Capt John Wetwang the 10th Instant, be opened, to see if there be any orders therein, for us to take notice of, or advices concerning the Bay, which att present may bee very necessary for us to know, which was done accordingly, & the Letter was dated 15th October 1685. Packett for Bengall opened.

Having advices from Conjeveron that Passanore Vincaty Putty the Sallascar, is reestablish't in his place, & receiving another Letter from him about the Rent mony, we cannot deny the Sending itt, having formerly received the King of Gulcondah's Phirmaund to pay itt to him. Rent mony to bee Sent up.

Order'd that Factors provissions be Sent to Coodaloor overland and that what Amunition they write for, be Sent them p̃ Ship Trevicane. Factors provissions & amunition to be sent to Coodaloor.

Generalls to Coodaloor & Conimeer dated this day read and past. Genlls to Coodaloor & Conimeer.

There being many inconveniencies & obstructions to business, by people's going aboard the Ships att pleasure, Itt is order'd that no one what So ever, inhabitant or belonging to this place, do presume to go off shoar without leave in writing from the Honble Governour, or the Worp^ll Deputy Governour, or the next of Councill in their absence, upon penalty of Fifty Pagodas for the first offence, one half whereof to the R^t Honble Company, a quarter to the informer, & a quarter to the poor, & for a Second offence such other punishment, as the President & Councill, shall think fitt to inflict for contempt of this their order, & that all people belonging to the Ships, in the Road, must apply themselves to the Customer for Boats, who is to appoint them & no other, And that the Secretary do coppy out this order, & Signe itt, & Sett itt up att the Fort gate, Sea gate, & Choultry gate, that all persons may take notice thereof. Order concerning persons going aboard Ship.

There being some Goa Arrack arrived & extreamly wanting itt for use of this Garrison, Itt is order'd that 12 hogsheads be bought att Pag° 13 p̃ hogshead, that being the lowest price, which though itt bee dear, yet wee are forced to buy itt, not knowing when any more may come, itt being reported that the English Ships that touch't att Goa, had bought up the Major part of what was there. Goa Arrack to be bought.

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NAT : HIGGINSON.
JN^O : CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Sec^r

This evening Dollars 1665½ was sent to Conimeer & Dollars1700 with Factors provissions was sent to Coodaloor overland p̃ Peons. 12. Dollars &c^a sent to Coodaloor and Conimeer.

Ship St George Capt Henry White Command^r Sailed for Emoy in China. 13. Ship St. George Sailed for Emoy.

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Letters to Vincaty Putty etc.

Letters from the President to Passanore Vincaty Putty, Sallascar of the Carnatta Country, to Madana Anta Pontolo Tarrufdar att Conjeveron, & to Jago Vishvenada Pontolo, Governour of Pullymellee, approved & signed, & sent with Pag° 2400 for two years rent mony, due the beginning of next month, to Passanore Vincaty Putty, by the same persons as order'd the 2d Inst to bring his receipt for the Same.

14. Genll from Conimeer desiring leave for Mr Willcox to come hither. Genll to Conimeer giving him leave. Letter to the Vizagapa Merchants.

Rec^d a Generall from Conimeer dated 12th Inst advising of Mr Willcox his illness, & desiring leave for him to come to the Fort for the recovery of his health.

Generall to Conimeer giving Mr Willcox leave to come hither for his health, & a Letter from the President, to the Vizagapatam Merchants, ordring them to come hither, both dated this day, approved and Signed.

Ship Callicut Merchant arrived from Callicut. Narrative of abuses to Said Callicut Mercht by two Danes men of warr.

Ship Callicut Merchant Thomas Dobson Master; arrived from Callicutt, with Rice & Pepper, by which Ship the President rec^d a Letter from Mr Mitchell Chief of that Factory, wherein was inclosed a narrative, of the abuses that two Danes men of warr, did to said Ship Callicut Merchant in a former voyage, enter'd in our Coppy Book of Letters received.

Two Portugues Ships from Goa.

Ship Sta Cruise Augustin de Carvalia Master, and Ship Nossa Sẽnora de Rosia, Jacomme Fersera, Master arrived here, both from Goa, with a large quantity of Goa Arrack.

16. Paragraph read to Mr. Rodrigues.

This morning the President according to Consultation of the 9th Instant, read to Mr Bartholomew Rodrigues the Paragraph in the R^t Honble Comp^ns Generall of the 9th of June 1686 concerning him &c^a forbidding their going to the Mines.

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Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R
MR ELIHU YALE MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS MR JOHN GRAY
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR JOHN CHENEY.

MUNDAY 16.

Mint Accott for Aprill.

Mr Nathaniell Higginson read his Accompts of the Mint for the month of Aprill, which was past as followeth.

Rec^d for Mintage duties upon particular persons
Gold coyned Pag° 45995 att ½ p̃ C^t ... P. 229 : 35 : 3
For Cash Veece 164½ att 1 fanam p̃
Veece ... ... " 4 : 20 : 3
The R^t Honble Comp^as Gold being part of three bulces from Acheen p̃
oz.
Loyall Adventure, poiz 186 produced nett ... ... 1646 : 33 : 3

Capt Eldred discours'd about the English men gone away with Tyler & Brooke.

Having great reason to think that Capt Francis Eldred Commander of the Loyall Captaine, was privy to the running away of those formerly mention'd, gone aboard Ship George, suspected to go from Acheen to Mergeu or Siam, being they were such eminent persons, belonging to his Ship, therefore wee sent for him this morning to examine him strictly about the premises, (though wee had some dayes before, advised the Judge of the Admiralty Court there to, & to take the Captain's Oath thereon) and charge him with the concealment thereof, which accordingly

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wee did & told him that wee thought, itt was design'd in England, but wee could get nothing more from him, then, that he was no informer, wee also charged him of permitting to bee carried from his Ship, Sayles, Anchors, Cables, Guns &c^{a} to the Ship George, William Brooke Master, & John Tyler Owner, which we suspect are

his answer thereto that he was no informer.

charged wth permitting Sails &c^{a} to be carried from his ship.

his answer thereto.

for the King of Siam, & sent out of England to that purpose, & that the Said Ship George, had hove overboard, Thirty Ton of Salt, to take them in, as wee are informed Since her departure, to which he answered that hee did not know of So great a quantity aboard his Ship, of Amunition, & furniture for Shipping, which implies he knew of Somethiug, but would not confess how much, upon which he was order'd to withdraw, when wee considered what to do in this case, & had itt not been, for the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} orders, to encourage, & assist all such free Ships, that comes upon the acc^{t} as he doe's, and that their Hon^{rs} had order'd Said Ship to go down into the Bay, upon the grand designe there, & that in prosecution of the Said designe, the Agent &c^{a} Councill have writ us earnestly to Send them what Ships wee can, they having Proclamed Warr with the Mogull, & his Subjects, wee Say had itt not been for these reasons, wee should have immediatly taken his Commission from him & discharged him the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Service, however 'tis agreed to send him to the Bay, & advise them of the great & treacherous fault hee ha's committed in these premention'd actions, & order them, that if they have not very great occation for his Ship, that they should so soon as they could conveniently after his arrivall there, take his Commission from him, & discharge him the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Service, having betrayed his trust Viz^{t} in not informing us of the Said persons leaving his Ship, & going for Mergen or Siam, (as wee fear) and permitting Contraband goods to bee sent from his Ship aboard said Ship George, which wee have reason to beleive are designed to be sent to Mergen or Siam from Acheen, by Some of their Junks.

Considera tion upon what was discoursed with him.

Ship Loyall Captaine to be sent to the Bay. to advise them of the whole business & order concerning him.

Having rec^{d} the Commissary of Trincombar's answer to what wrote him concerning the English men there, whereby wee understand, that there is 8 of them, & that he would send them, as wee Should think convenient, Itt is therefore order'd that the President write a Letter to them, promising not to punish them, but give them imployment, to incourage them to come, having great occation for them, and that money bee Sent to defray their expences, or to write to the Commissary to do itt, & to repay him here.

Concerning the English men att Trincombar.

Mr James Johnson Assay Master, having desired a coppy of the paper delivered in by Mr Higginson concerning the Mint, the 14th of last month Itt is order'd to bee given him.

Coppy of Mr Higginsons paper of the Mint to be given Mr Johnson. Genll &ca. to Vizagapatam.

Generall to Vizagapatam & a Form of a Summons to call some English freemen from thence, dated this day, to be sent by the Loyall Captain, which is order'd to call there, to deliver itt, that being the Safest conveyance, which was read and past.

The Narrative rec^{d} from Callicut of the Two Danes men of Warr's abuses to the Callicut Merch^{t} was read, & order'd that a Coppy be sent to the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} and translate in Portugues to the Commissary of Trincombar, demanding Satisfaction for the Same.

Coppy of the Narrative from Callicut to be sent the Rt Honble Compa. translate in Portogues to bee sent to Trincombar.

Having occation for more Goa Arrack to supply this Garrison & the Factorys, Itt is order'd that Ten Butts be bought, att fourteen Pagodas p̃ Butt, that being the lowest price, there being now store come upon two Portugues ships, that had

Goa Arrack to be bought.

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bought itt up the last year, but lost their passage hither, having also news, that Arrack is Scarce and dear att Goa.

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JOHN STAPLES Secry.

16. Ship Curtana returned. Capt Weltden to give an Acot of his daily sailing.

This evening the Curtana Capt Anthony Weltden Commander after Six dayes absence, came back, not having met with the Ship George, he went in pursuit of, & therefore for the Rt Honble Compas and our satisfaction he is to give in an acct of his daily sailing during said time, though itt seemes itt proved so haizy att Sea, they could not see two Leagues, but we shall take order, that she shall not escape so, but hope to find her in Acheen Road.

17. Ship Trevicane from Portonovo.

Ship Trevicane John Strangwayes Master, Sailed hence for Portonovo.

18. Generall from Coodaloor. Letters from Thomas Bowrey.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 14th Instant, with two Letters from Thomas Bowrey Vizt One to Mr Davis &ca Councill & the other to Mr Davis, giving an accompt of the ill usage he recd from the Avaldar, dated in Portonovo the 14th Currant.

19. Ship Cæsar from Surat. Two Packetts from thence. Packett from the Rt Honble Compa.

Ship Cezar Joseph Wale Master arrived here from Surat, & brought two Packetts from thence, containing Two Generalls from Surat to Fort St George, dated 18th March 168$\frac{6}{7}$, Coppy ditto Generalls of the 16th & 22th ffebrury last, Mr John Watsall Chief of Carwarr his Acct of what disbursed by Mr Harbin att Carwarr on acct of the two Boys & a Cow killed, The Generalls addresses to the Governour of Surat, dated 27th ffebruary last, Coppy of his Majesties Charter, Also a Packet from the Rt Honble Compa which they recd p̃ the Tonqueen Merchant, containing a Letter from Mr Robert Blackborne, with Coppy of his Majesties Charter, & Lists of the Governour, Deputy & 24 Committees for Anno 1686.

19. Sloop Dread naught from Portonovo Genll &c., from Coodaloor.

Sloop Dreadnaught Robert Masfen Master, arrived from Portonovo & brings a Generall from Coodaloor dated 18th Instant, with Sloop James acct of disburstments, & her Acct Currant, as also Christopher Willson's Attestation of the want in Packing Stuff, Sent them p̃ Sloop James.

ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY 19.

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNR
MR ELIHU YALE MR
MR JOHN NICKS MR JOHN GRAY
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR JOHN CHENEY.

Storekeepers acct for Aprill.

The Storekeeper Mr John Cheney his accompt of Stores bought, Sold & expended for the month of Aprill read and past.

P 1000 to be paid Mr Wavell. Armiger Gostlin to be Master of Sloop James.

Order'd that Pago 1000 bee paid Mr Thomas Wavell Paymaster Generall to defray Charges Garrison &ca.

Order'd that Armiger Gostlin be Master of Sloop James, he being a much abler, & soberer man, then Henry Whedon the present master.

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Order'd that 40 or 50 Tonns of Chaulk be laden aboard the Loyall Capt for Bengall, they having desired necessarys for building ffortifications. Chaulk to be sent to Bengall.

There being twenty Six Souldiers appointed to go on the Curtana on the designe for Mergen, Itt is order'd that the Captain lay in provissions for them, and that Nine pence a day each man bee allowed him for itt which he cannot do cheaper, by reason of the Scarcity, and dearness of all sorts of Food, and that Pag^{o} Two hundred bee advanced to him on said Accompt. Itt is also order'd that the Steward lay in provissions for the fifteen Souldiers that are to go upon the Sloop James, and all the Souldiers that go upon the Said Curtana & Sloop to have three months advance, to provide themselves with Cloths &c^{a} necessarys. Agreemt with Capt Weltden for Provission for Souldiers. Steward to lay in provisions for Souldiers p^{r} Sloop James. Souldiers to have 3 months advance mony.

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THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J^{o} CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

19 Rec^{d} a Generall from Conimeer dated the 17th Instant, with coppy of severall Letters they received from the Chief &c^{a} Councill att Coodaloor and of their answers thereto. Genll &ca, from Conimeer.

21 Generalls to Tonqueen to be Sent to Portonovo to go by Ship Boa Vista, to Coodaloor and to Conimeer all dated this day approved & Signed. Generalls read & past.

Rec^{d} a Letter to the President from Passanore Vincaty Putty Sallascar of this Country, with a receipt for Pag^{o} 2400 being for two years Rent money due the beginning of next month, & a Letter from Madana Anta Pontolo Tarrufdar att Conjeveron. Letter, & receipt of the Rent mony from Vincaty Putty. Letter from Madana Anta Pontolo.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Coodaloor dated 18th Instant returning the Peons that carried them the Silver. Generall from Coodaloor.

Letters from the President to Passanore Vincaty Putty & to Madana Anta Pontolo dated this day, approved and Signed. Letters to Vincaty Putty &ca.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 23.

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^{R}
MR ELIHU YALE MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS M^{R}
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR JOHN CHENEY.

In regard that the Curtana, could not reach the George, which she went in pursuit of, Itt is order'd that a Letter bee writ to John Tyler & Willm Brooke the owner & Master of Said Ship att Acheen, to Signifie to them their disobeying of his Majesties Proclamation, & the R^{t} Honble Comp^{ns} orders, as also their contempt to this Government, (as before enter'd) Protesting against them for the Same, Coppy whereof is enter'd next after this Consultation, & that Said Letter bee sent by the Delight Frigat Capt Robert Mellish Commander to Acheen, & duplicate by the Curtana, Capt Anthony Weltden Commander to Mergen, & considering what Tyler, Brooke & the four Passengers on Said Ship George have done, Itt is agreed to give Capt Weltden further orders, in particular concerning them, that notwithstanding our Pass, before given for their regular trading, he Seiz upon the Letter to bee writ to Tyler and Brooke to be sent by the Delight Frigt to Acheen, & Duplicate by the Curtana to Mergen. Particular orders to be given Capt. Weltden concerning them.

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said Ship George & persons, att Mergeu, or wherever hee meets with them, and brings them hither, att his returne, to answer their injuries and contempt.

Bill given for P2000 belonging to the Owners of Curtana.

Capt Anthony Weltden, & Mr John Farewell offering Pagᵒ 2000 belonging to the Owners of Ship Curtana, for Six months att ten p̄ Cent Intrest p̄ Annum, Itt is order'd that a Bill bee given them for the Same, wee being in great want of money, to defray the Charges of the Garrison, &ᶜᵃ which was done accordingly.

Mr Johnsons answer to Mr Higginsons paper of the Mint. Mr Higginson to reply to itt.

Mr James Johnson Assay Master, having delivered in his answer (as enter'd next after this Consultation) to what Mr Higginson said concerning the Mint, and Mr Higginson desiring to have itt, to reply thereto, Itt is order'd to be delivered to him, for that purpose.

Slaves to be laden on the Royall James for Bengall.

Not being able here, to Supply Bengall, with Lascars, according to their desire, and fearing Metchlepatam & Madapollam, may procure few or none, Itt is order'd that what Slaves are remaining of the Rᵗ Honᵇˡᵉ Compᵃˢ be Shipt on board the Royall James, for their occations.

Leave given Padre don Joseph to go to Madapollam on the Loyall Captaine. Generalls read & past.

Padre Don Joseph Caitano, desiring leave to go on the Loyall Captain to Madapollam, Itt is order'd that the Secretary do give the Commander an order to receive him, his two Servants & necessarys for Said place.

Letter to Trincombar.

Generalls to Bengall, to the English Seamen that formerly belonged to the Modena, now att Trincombar, to John Strangeways Commander of Ship Trevicane att Portonovo to bring said Seamen hither, and a Letter from the President to the Commissary of Trincombar, concerning Said English Seamen, all dated this day read and past.

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JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STABLES Secry. JOS: CHENEY.

To Mr John Tyler &
Mr William Brooke.

Coppy of the Letter to Tyler & Brooke.

Wee fully enform'd & caution'd you when here from holding any correspondance, with the Rᵗ Honᵇˡᵉ English East India Compᵃˢ declared Enemies, particularly the Mogull & his Subjects, & the King of Siam, his or any of his Servants, but contrary to our advice & order, we are informed you have clandestinely, not only carried away severall of our English Inhabitants, without our permission or knowledge, & directly opposite to our order sent you from us by our Secretary, and after a Summons by Weift, & a Shotted Gunn just upon your ships weighing, all which you contemptuously disobeyed, But have also privatly & treacherously received aboard your Ship from some Ship in our Road, severall Contraband goods, & stores for the service of the King of Siam, or his Servants, Enemies to the Said Rᵗ Honᵇˡᵉ Compᵃ from whom you recᵈ your Protection & priviledge of trade. These are therefore to Protest against you, in the King of Englands, & his Rᵗ Honᵇˡᵉ East India Compᵃˢ name, in the Summe of Forty Thousand pounds, for damages, they may receive thereby, besides all penalties, and punishments you may bee liable to, by your contempt of his Majesties Proclamation & Commissions, to prevent which, wee hereby advise, and possitivly charge & order every of you, to return to us all those Englishmen, not permitted in our Pass, also those stores & goods receivᵈ aboard your ship, from Ship Loyall Captain, or any

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other, otherwise wee shall Proclame, & prosecute you, as Abetters to the Compas Enemies, & Contemnors of our Government, Dated in Fort St George the Three & Twentieth day of May One Thousand Six hundred Eighty and Seven.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THOMAS LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THOMAS WAVELL.
NATH. HIGGINSON.
JOHN CHENEY.

In answer to a paper delivered by Mr Higginson against James Johnson, about assaying the Gold, to the President & Councill of Fort St George &a. Coppy of Mr. Johnsons answer to Mr Higginson paper of the Mint.

I should have thought that after the many complaints made p̃ the Rt Honble East India Compa of the defrauds from year to year, practiced by the black people in the Mint of Fort St George, none would have presumed to vindicate those ever known deceivers, of the Company, notwithstanding they have taken such great care to send out such proved persons, to inspect & report the truth of the Assayes, in order to detect those cheats, & redress those abuses, the Rt Honble Compa for some years past have much suffered by.

But since Mr Higginson is the person that has undertook itt, and accordingly has preferred a paper against mee, I shall hereby endeavour to clear myself, from his ignorant, & faulce accusation.

As to the ten parcells of Gold brought in by the black people, itt was melted down togeather, what I reported itt to bee, I stand to, and as to the Braminees Gold which Mr Higginson supposes would not be made worse, to cheat himself (though he informed mee, itt was not his, but his Honrs) lett him make itt how hee will, Iwill stand to my report.

As to our often disagreeing, as Mr Higginson so much speaks of, I can say no more to then this, that according to the best of my Skill, which has been proved, before the Rt Honble Compa p̃ the best of Artists & Sworn Assay Master of the Kingdome of England, (Sr John Brattell) I cannot in my conscience comply to give itt otherwise, notwithstanding the pretended complaints of the black Merchants, taking out their Gold to bee coyned in other Mints, whereas I know they are as unwilling to loose, as other people, who has been glad to stay, rather then bee cheated by the Minters, there being no less then three or four hundred people of their own families, that are wholy maintained by proffit thereof.

To the Ingot of Gold of Mr James Pavia, reported to be car. gr. qr. 1—1—1 worse, I affirm to bé true, & for assaying itt afterwards, as Mr Higginson speaks of, I also justifie, lett him & the Braminee have jugled togeather as they please.

Itt is a pretty thing for a man that pretends not to understand Assays, shall justifie a deceitfull Braminy & yett would appear not to reflect upon my Art, whereas no greater reflection can bee made.

And As to the disagreing in the Pago Matt, I cannot help itt for I can make car. gr. itt no otherwise then what the Pago produces which 1 1 worse then Standard, which is ½ of a grain worse then what they say their Matt is, &, tis their faults, & not mine, if they make not their Pago right.

Mr Higginson is very severe in his complaint of negligence against mee, that I willfully omitted an Assay, of the Compas Gold, in doing my own & others, in the meantime, In answer to which, the Assay of the Rt Honble Compas was mislaid,

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amongst other Gold Assays, which had been Assay'd, which as soon as asked for was made, & as to the new parcell, & Pag° Matt, know nothing of.

My going aboard of Ship is no more then what is usuall amongst the Inhabitants & Companies Servants, who have business to do, therefore that complaint is as before; In generall whatever Gold or Silver Assays was brought to mee was Assayed.

If the Braminy [s] had come for the Thirty Pag° of Assays, in my hand, they might have had them, giving an accompt of them, for I never made use of them, nor was I so indigent to cause Mr Higginson as he pretends, to keep Thirty Pag° of mine, for Security which is very faulce.

If your Hon^r &c^a can prove I am ignorant in the business, I came for, you ought to dismiss mee, if otherwise to give me incouragm^t.

May itt please your Hon^r &c^a I designe not in anything in this, to create and maintaine any difference, as many turbulent persons, might on such occation as this have done, but my intention is to live quietly & submissivly [*sic*] under my Superiors, & to follow the great imploy our R^t Honble Masters have intrusted me with, with all the Zeale and dilligence imaginable, But your Hon^r &c^a must pardon mee, if my conscience will not suffer me to comply with the cheats the Braminy, and Minters would as they have formerly done, put upon the R^t Honble Comp^a as well as upon particular persons, which have been the only occation of detarding the Gold in the Mint, and I humbly conceive that I signifie nothing here if my opinion & report be not beleived before theirs, So hoping your Hon^r &c^a will take in good sence, what I have written in my own Justification, I begg leave to Subscribe

Fort St George
May 23th 1687.

Your Hon^rs &c^a most humble
and obedient servant
James Johnson.

23. Mr Willcox came hither for his health.

This evening Mr John Willcox arrived here from Conimeer, having had leave to come, for the recovery of his health.

Delight Frigat for Acheen.

Ship Delight Frigat Capt Robert Mellish Comm^dr sailed for Acheen.

25. Burneo Mercht from Portonovo.

Ship Burneo Merchant Thomas Bowrey Master arrived from Portonovo.

26. Pearle Frigt from England.

Pearle Frigat Capt James Perriman Commander arrived from England after long expectation & doubts of his safety.

Att a Consultation

Present

William Gyfford Esqr President & Governour
Mr Elihu Yale — Mr Thomas Lucas
Mr John Nicks — Mr John Gray
Mr Thomas Wavell — Mr Nath Higginson
Mr John Cheney.

Thursday 26. Order, Dispatches & Generlls read and past. Loyall Capts dispatch delivered.

Order to Capt Anthony Weltden Commander of the Curtana, concerning Tyler, Brooke &c^a and Sloop James her dispatch to attend the Curtana, not dated, as also Ship Loyall Captains dispatch to Metchlepatam Madapollam, Vizagapatam & Bengall, & Generall to Metchlepatam & Madapollam, dated this day read & past & the Loyall Captains dispatch delivered to the Commander, Capt Francis Eldred.

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Order'd that Pag^o 500 be paid Mr Thomas Wavell Paymaster Generall to defray Charges Garrison &c^a. P 500 to be paid Mr Wavell.

Order'd that the Pearle Frigat be unladen, & in regard the Sloop James is in want of some small Guns, Itt is order'd that four be traverst aboard her from the Pearle, & Capt Perriman having acquainted us, of his meeting with a Pirat, that he give us a particular accompt thereof in writing, as also a Journall of his voyage, itt being so extraordinary long, that we may judge how the delay happened. Pearle Frigt to be unladen. Four Guns to be traverse from her to Sloop James. Capt Perriman to give an acct of the Pirat he met with & a coppy of his Journall.

John Lucas a Dutch Pilot who formerly served some of the English upon this Coast, now making his request to go into the Bay, upon the Loyall Capt^ne to serve the R^t Honble Comp^a there, & may bee very serviceable to them, they haveing desired us to send them what men wee can, Itt is therefore order'd that the Secretary do give the Capt^ne an order to receive him & his necessarys. Leave given John Lucas to go on the Loyall Capt to Bengall.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.

JOHN STABLES Sec^ry. JN̄: CHENEY.

Rec^d a Gen^ll from Surat directed to the President & Mr Yale dated the 17th Aprill last, which came p̃ a French Ship to Pullicherry, & thence sent hither. 26 Generall from Surat.

This morning the Loyall Captaine, Capt^ne Francis Eldred Commander, Sailed for the Northern ffactorys & Bengall, And the Expectation Mathew Dallonson Master Sailed for Acheen. 29. Loyall Capt Sailed for Bengall. Expectation Sailed for Acheen.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD [ESQ^R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR		MUNDAY 30.
MR ELIHU YALE	MR THOMAS LUCAS	
MR JOHN NICKS	MR JOHN GRAY	
MR THOMAS WAVELL	MR NATH HIGGINSON	
MR JOHN CHENEY.		

The Paymaster Generall Mr Thomas Wavell his Book of Accompts for the month of Aprill read and past as followeth. Paymasters Accts for Aprill.

Charges Garrison	Pag^o	804 : 15 : 00	
Charges Generall	,,	625 : 05 : 00	
Charges Diett	,,	403 : 31 : 30	
Charges Extraordinary	,,	75 : 08 : 21	
Charges Cattle	,,	83 : 03 : —	
Charges Merchandise	,,	39 : 09 : —	
Accompt Fortifications & repairs	,,	456 : 02 : —	
By three men dispatched for Bengall being one months advance ...	,,	7 : 21 : —	
By an omission in Charges Generall of March accompt ...	,,	5 : — : —	
		P 2499 : 25 : 51	

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Land Customers acct for Aprill.

The Land Customer Mr John Gray his Book of Accompts for the month of Aprill read and past as followeth.

Land Custome	P	8: 09: 82:
Petty Land or Choultry Customes	„	43: 15: 56:
Measurers duty	„	49: 16: 25:
Paddy Toll att the Banksall ...	„	23: 29: 08:
Weighers duty	„	—: 17: 80:
	P	185: 16: 51:

Freight of good p the Shrewsbury to be taken.

Mr Samuell Barron not being yet arrived here from China, (though wee are informed he was att Mallacca) & there being many things laden by him aboard the Shrewsbury att Emoy, & now in the Godown, Itt is ordered that Mr Lucas & Mr Cheney do vallue the Lacker'd & China ware, & Small things, of which the freight to be taken in mony, & what elce of quantity the freight to bee taken in Spetie.

Mr Stubs to be Steward.

In regard of Mr Troughtons illness & not having been able to look after the Stewards business of some time, Itt is order'd that Mr Stubbs do supply that place from the first of next month.

P 50 to be paid the Washers.

Order'd that Pago 50 be paid Narso &ca Washers on accompt of Washing & Cureing the Rt Honble Compas Callicoes.

Capt Weltden to Supply Sloop James.

Not knowing what occation Sloop James may have for necessarys, in this voyage to Mergen, [*sic*] Itt is order'd that Capt Weltden do supply her, & that upon producing the Masters receipt for the particulars recd he shall be allow'd what is reasonable for the Same.

Leave given Hugh Cook to go to Bengall.

Hugh Cook a Souldier of this Garrison having made his Petition (as enter'd next after this Consultation) to go into the Bay upon the first ship, Itt is order'd that the Secretary do give the Commander an order to receive him, and his necessarys.

William Gyfford.
Elihu Yale.
Tho: Lucas.
John Nicks.
John Gray.
Tho: Wavell.
Nat: Higginson.

J $\frac{o}{N}$: Cheney.

John Stables Secry.

Fort St. George, 27th May 1687.

Coppy Hugh Cooks Petition.

To the Rt Honble William Gyfford Esqr.
President & Governour for affairs
of the Rt Honble English East India Compa
of Fort St George, Bay Bengall &ca.

The humble Petition of Hugh Cooke Sheweth

That your Petitioners brother Thomas Cooke dying in Bengall, did by his last will & Testament, in writing make your Petioner [*sic*] Hugh Cook his whole & Sole Executor, leaving Mr Trenchfeild in Bengall, his Overseer, to take care of his

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estate, & as soon as itt was all recovered to remitt itt to your Petitioner, his brother & Executor.

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prays, your Hon^{r} will please to give him the liberty of taking his passage on the Loyall Captain Capt Francis Eldred Commander to Bengall, to make demands & recover his Said brothers estate as aforesaid. And your Petitioner as in duty bound

shall ever pray &c^{a}.

Capt Weltdens dispatch & Instructions for Mergen, his order concerning Tyler, Brooke &c^{a} And Sloop James dispatch to attend her formerly read in Councill, And Capt Weltdens order to Supply Sloop James with necessarys approved & signed, and all dated this day and delivered. 31. Dispatches & orders.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Coodaloor dated 27th Instant. Generall from Coodaloor.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Pettepollee dated 5th of last month, which was so long in coming, by reason the Peons came with the horse belonging to that Factory, sent hither. JUNE Pmo. Generall from Pettepollee.

Capt Weltden delivers his Journall of his Sailing after Tyler & Brooke which is enter'd in the Coppy book of Letters received. Capt. Weltdens Journall.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}	PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR	THURSDAY 2.
MR ELIHU YALE	MR THOMAS LUCAS	
MR JOHN NICKS	M^{R}	
MR THOMAS WAVELL	MR NATH HIGGINSON	
MR JOHN CHENEY.		

Mr Yale read his Journall of the Generall Books of Accompts for the month of Aprill which was past in Councill. Journall for Aprill read.

Capt Weltden having offered an Organ to Sale for Pag^{o} 70 which is below prime cost, Itt is order'd to bee bought and paid for. An Organ bought.

Order'd that Pag^{o} 300 be paid Mr John Cheney Storekeeper Generall to defray the expences of the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Sloops &c^{a}. P 300 to be paid Mr. Cheney.

Generall to Surat dated this day read and past. Generall to Surat.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
JN: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}

Ship Burneo Merchant Thomas Bowrey Master Sailed for Acheen. 2. Burneo Merchant. for Acheen.

Generalls to Pettepollee, to Metchlepatam & to Madapollam all dated this day approved and Signed. 3. Generalls read & approved.

Generall to Coodaloor dated this day approved and Signed. 4. Generall to Coodaloor.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Metchlepatam dated the 22th last month. Generall from Metchlepatam.

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5. Curtana & Sloop James sailed. Ship Curtana & Sloop James Sailed for Mergen.

Sloop Dreadnaught ran ashoar. Sloop Dreadnaught weighing Anchor the Cable broak, & she run ashoar a little to the Northward of this place.

Letter from Trincombar. Rec[d] a Letter from Trincombar dated [*Lacuna in the original*] advising that the English Seamen were gone from thence, they knew not where.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 6.

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERN[R]	
M[R]	M[R] THOMAS LUCAS
M[R] JOHN NICKS	M[R]
M[R] THOMAS WAVELL	M[R] NATH HIGGINSON
M[R] JOHN CHENEY.	

Cash Book for May read. The Presidents Cash Book for the month of May read and past the Ballance being ... ... Pag[o] 806 : 20 : 1.

Sea Customers accts for May. The Sea Customer M[r] John Nicks his Book of Accompts for the month of May read & past as followeth.

Sea Custome	...	...	Pag[o] 416 : 07 : 71
Anchoridge of Ships	...	...	„ 47 : –: –
Curtain Godown rents	...	...	„ 15 : –: –
Register houses & Slaves	...	...	„ 6 : 01 : –
			P. 484 : 08 : 71

Mint Acct for May. About the Persia freight. M[r] Nathaniell Higginson read his Acc[ts] of the Mint, for Mintage duties rec[d] upon particular persons Gold coyned in the month of May Pagod[s] 19904 : 18 : –: att ½ p. Ceñt is ... ... Pag[o] 99 : 19 : –:

In regard of our advices from Metchlepatam concerning the Persia freight, to have a Ship there in September next, & not having any ship here that can comply with that time, except the Royall James, Wee doe resolve upon her to go, unless any Europe Ship, arrives in the meantime, that wee can spare, & by reason itt is too Soon, to send her as yet, Itt is order'd that she go to the Southward for Paddy, either upon the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] acc[t] or lett out to freight.

Royall James to go to the Southward for Paddy.

Capt Perriman's disbursments perused. Order'd to bee paid. Cap[t] Perriman Commander of the Pearle Frigat, having delivered his Accompt of disburs[ms] since he came from England amoun[t] to Doll[rs] 300 the same was perused & they appearing very reasonable for so long time, Itt is order'd to be paid, & to charge the Owners of the Ship Beaufort with the same, as also with the Iron made use of by him for provissions amounting to Forty Dollars.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO : LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO : WAVELL.
NAT : HIGGINSON.
J[o]ⁿ : CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Sec[ry].

6. Ship Wellcome for Vizagapā. Ship Wellcome John Smith Master Sailed for Vizagapatam.

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Ship Madras Frigat John Wallis Master, arrived from Goa with Mr Tho. Yale & Mr Bagwell, who acquaint us with the ill usage they recd there from the Portugues, of which they are to give in a Narrative. Madras Frigat from Goa.

Generall to Surat, to Carwar, & a Letter from the President to the Directore of Pollicherry, to desire him not to permit any English, to take passage on their Ships to Siam all dated this day approved & Signed. 7. Generall to Surat & Carwar & Letter to Pollicherry.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR		THURSDAY 9.
MR ELIHU YALE	MR THOMAS LUCAS	
MR JOHN NICKS	MR JOHN GRAY	
MR THOMAS WAVELL	MR NATH HIGGINSON	
MR JOHN CHENEY.		

Mr Higginson delivers his reply to Mr Johnson's paper, which was perused, & is enter'd next after this Consultation. Mr. Higginson's reply to Mr. Johnson's paper.

Order'd that provissions bee Sent on the Callicut Merchant to Metchlepatam, to Supply the Rt Honble Compas Servants (from that place Madapollam & Pettepollee) in their passage hither on the Loyall Adventure. Provisions to be sent to Metchlepatam.

Generalls to Metchlepatam & to Bengall dated this day read & past. Genlls to Metchlepā & Bengal.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J$\frac{O}{N}$: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

To the Honble President &ca Councill
of Fort St. George.

A Reply to Mr James Johnson's paper of 24th May. Coppy Mr. Higginson's reply to Mr. Johnson's paper.

Mr Johnson charges me, with undertaking to vindicate the deceivers of the Rt Honble Compa & suggests that I juggle with the Braminees, & Sae's I have preferred against him, an ignorant & false accusation.

If I have undertook to vindicate the deceivers of the Rt Honble Compa your Honr &ca are Sensible that I was not very forward in itt, nor could I avoid itt for the Coinage being delayed, the Merchant [s] made public complaint, & your Honr &ca thereupon, required mee to give you an acct in writing, which containes meer matter of fact, concerning the differences between Mr Johnsons & the Braminee's Assays, & Mr Johnsons neglect of his business, which if itt doe's in the nature of the thing reflect upon him, I can't help itt, and do upon further consideration affirme, that the whole of itt (for Substance) is true. And since your Honr &ca pleased to require my answer to his paper, allow mee to Say Something for my own vindication, as well as for making good what I have Said concerning him.

I think itt appears, that my design was, neither to vindicate the Braminees, against Mr Johnson, nor indeed to charge them with any Cheats, for I beleive (as every body do's) that they do cheat, & therefore cannot undertake to vindicate them, but must so farr confess my ignorance, that I cannot yet make any discovery

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thereof, & therefore cannot accuse them, as I certainly would, if I could to any good purpose.

For Mr Johnson to suggest, that I juggle with the Braminees, is Soe significant an expression, & do's so much touch my reputation, that I require him to render, some such acct of my practices, as may att least give your Honr &ca reason to Suspect mee, otherwise that must pass for a meer malicious Suggestion.

And since he has given mee so Scandalous a Charactar, [*sic*] & instead of acknowledging his gross miscarriages, do's retort upon mee, that I have preferred against him, an ignorant & false accusation, & with a strange confidence do's affirme

That he did Assay the Rt Honble Compas Gold from Acheen as Soon as asked for.

That he has assayed what was brought to him.

That the Braminees might have had the Assay peices of Gold when ever they came for them.

I will more fully explain those three particulars, & give some further instances, of that great zeal & diligence he pretends to.

The story of Assaying the Rt Honble Compas Gold from Acheen is thus. On Satterday 9th Aprill, I delivered Assay peices of that Gold to him & the Braminees. The latter's assay being finished on 11th morning I went to Mr Johnson for his. Hee told mee he had mislaid the Assay, which was the reason, why he had not done itt on Satterday, when he made other Assays, but would do itt on that day, & in my hearing bid his man make the fire. But instead of doing the business, he went aboard Ship, & I saw him not, (nor heard of his coming ashoar) till Thursday 14th. Hee Sai's, I am Severe, about the mislaid Assay peices, No, I was well satisfied with his excuse, & had not Spoaken of that. But I think he deserves to be more Severely dealt with, for running away from the Mint, So many dayes, without acquainting any body, when hee could not but know, wee then waited for his Assay for which I suppose hee can make no excuse, because he has not yet pretended to any, And itt would bee no injustice, to make him pay the intrest of 18000 Pago (of the Rt Honble Compas & particular persons) for So many dayes, as itt was delayed coyning for want of his Essays. This is not the first time he has gone out of town, without acquainting any body, & caused the Mint to Stand Still for want of his Essays. If I am mistaken in the precise mention of dayes, I am Sure, I am not So much mistaken as to alter the case.

Whereas he Sais in Generall, that whatever Gold was brought to him was Assayed, I do affirm, that of the Eight parcells of Gold from Tonqueen, assay peices were deliver'd to him, att the same time, as to the Braminees, That he did make report of Six, the other two he neglected to assay, thô he made Severall other assays, and was often called upon by mee for them, In the meantime, the Gold was prepared by the Braminee's assay's, So as to come out a little better in the whole then the Tonqueen Touch, yet being unwilling to coyn itt without Mr Johnsons assays (which I did not think safe for mee to do) I was very importunate with him, to make the Assays, But your Honr &ca urging a necessity for mony, (which was then wanting for charges of the Garrison) I told you 'twas ready for coyning, & that itt did come up to the Tonqueen Touch, but I only waited for Mr Johnson Assays, Your Honr &ca replied you could not stay, & that the Gold must be coyned, & therefore was coined before Mr Johnson, had assayed those two parcells, thô there were eighteen dayes between the delivery of the Assay peices to him, & the coyning of the Gold, & if he has assayed them since, 'tis to no purpose, So that if that Gold, do's not in the produce answer expectation, 'tis not my fault, & for him to Say, that what was brought to him, was assayed, is att best but an equivocation.

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As to the Assay peices of the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ & particular persons Gold, which he has rec^d^ of the Braminee, Since I have been in the Mint, The Braminees, & black Merchants concerned, did So frequently complain to mee, that I was forced to Speak very often (att least a dozen times) to Mr Johnson to deliver them, which he still promised to do att any time, but could not find time to do itt, att length he required their acc^t^ & I have more then once from the Mint, sent the Connecoplee of the Mint, with the acc^t^ to Mr Johnson, but hee Still brought mee word, that he could neither get Mr Johnson to take the acc^t^ nor to deliver the Gold, Whereupon they suspected Mr Johnson did intend to keep them, & for their Security and satisfaction, did keep in my hands Thirty Pagodas, out of a parcell of Gold imported by Mr Johnson, which afterwards he perswaded the Braminee to deliver him, having given them a fair promise of delivering them the Assay peices, but when he had gott the mony, put them off from time to time. So that, Seeing nothing could prevail with him & itt being necessary, att the latter end of Aprill, to ballance the acco^tt^ of the Mint (which I could not do, till the Braminees paid mee the ballance of the produce of the Tonqueen Gold, which they detained in their hands, to the amount of the assay peices of that Gold) I complained to your Hon^r^ & Councill, since which he has deliver'd to the Braminees as much Gold as (including allowance for wast in assay) am^ts^ to Pag^o^ 27 : 02 :—& there remaines Pag^o^ 9 : 14 : 2 which the Braminees demand, but hee refuses to make satisfaction for.

Att the melting of the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ Gold from Tonqueen, the Same being near ready for casting off about noon, & I desired him to stay & see that the Gold had a true heat, which he understood better then I, But he told mee, he was invited to dinner, & upon So frivilous an acc^t^ did goe away, & left mee to see the Gold cast off, Att another time, would not stay with mee, att the melting of the Gold, because he said 'twas my duty.

Nor would he ever so much as one time make a compute of his own Assays, of the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ Gold, which I desired him to do, that wee might compare our rateings, being loath to trust to my own, But all the assistance I have had from him, is, that he gives mee his Assays which sometimes Sais, the Gold is so many grains better, or worse then stã of England, sometimes so many grains better or worse then Pag^o^ mat, & leaves itt to mee to make what use I can of them. Wherein I confess I have been att a loss, & do not yet know how to compare them, with the Braminees Assays. Because

Hee differs from himself $\frac{2}{5}$ of a grain in his compute of what Pag^o^ Matt is, and $\frac{1}{5}$ of a grain from the Braminees. Upon consideration whereof, I am apt to think that the differences, between his & the Braminees Assays, having usually been but $\frac{1}{4}$ gr or $\frac{1}{2}$ gr this mistake of his in the notion of Pag^o^ Matt, may have partly been the occation of those differences. For he asserts (as he has often done) that Pag^o^ Matt is $\frac{1}{5}$ gr worse then $8\frac{5}{8}$ & yet that 'tis $\overset{car}{20}\ \overset{gr}{iii}$. Now the Pag^o^ Matt of $8\frac{5}{8}$ being equall to $\overset{car}{20}\ \overset{gr}{ii}\ \frac{4}{5}$ exactly, then $\overset{car}{20}\ \overset{gr}{:}\ iii$ must bee $\frac{1}{5}$ ^gr^ better then $8\frac{5}{8}$ which is demonstrable, And I cannot see, how he can clear himself from a contradiction, otherwise then by acknowledging he mistook, & means that Pag^o^ matt, is $\frac{1}{5}$ gr better then $8\frac{5}{8}$.

And that is as great an absurdity. For itt is to bee taken for granted that $8\frac{5}{8}$ is as much the Matt of this Country, as 22 car^t^ the Stã of England & to determine the Stã or Matt of any coyn, by the triall of one peice, or two (which may bee a little better or worse then itt ought) is nonsence.

But if Mr Johnson has discovered the Braminees Error in Pag^o^ matt & their cheats, or knows any methods whereby they may be detected, or prevented, what do's that signify, if he keeps his detections to himself? He being the proved person, sent out by the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ to redress the abuses of the Braminees, why has he not made some demonstration, & proposall to your Hon^r^ & Councill?

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as I have often desired him, but could never get any further Satisfaction from him, then a meer assertion that they are mistaken, & that they do cheat, with promises of drawing up Proposalls, for regulation of the Mint, which he never performed.

And I do suspect, as well from the occationall discourse, I have had with him, as from the Short answers, he gave your Hon^r & Councill when before you, either that he has not really made any considerable discoveries of the Braminees practices, or keeps itt to himself, out of a discontented humor, because he has not had the charge of the Mint committed entirely to himself, without any check or controul, only rendring acc^ts of the Mint, to your Hon^r & Councill, as he gives itt out that he has made some such contract in writing, with the R^t Honble Comp^a (which writing was unfortunatly lost in the passage) & thereupon gave £5000 Security in England. Whereof the R^t Honble Comp^a taking no notice, in any Generall to this place, and the writeing not being produceable, how can he expect, that the President and Councill should upon his bare word, alter the R^t Honble Comp^as setled order, that one of the Councill, shall have charge, & render accom^ts of the Mint, and whilst that order continues, the person appointed thereunto, ought to inspect all Transactions in the Mint, as well as hee can both to satisfie himself in what's done, & to gain experience, which the R^t Honble Comp^a have injoined all of the Councill to endeavour. I have therefore been as carefull as I can, to look into the Braminees actions, & if Mr Johnson bee affronted att that, I can't help itt, I know of no obstruction or discouragment he has rec^d from mee in his business. But he makes itt so to himself, in complaining that the Braminees Assays are beleived before his, & therefore he Signifies nothing, By which I suppose hee meanes that the Pagodas Should bee coyned by his Assays. Wherein hee do's not consider the Setled order of the Mint, which doubtless has been often taken into consideration both by the R^t Hon^bls Comp^a & their Servants here, but I suppose their Hon^rs have never given any order for altering itt, nor has Mr Johnson given any demonstration, that 'tis practicable, in this Country, where the Pagodas are to pass. In the meantime he may signify much, & do great service if he please, by overseeing the meltings of the R^t Honble Comp^as Gold & being a check upon the Braminees assays.

Upon the whole, I humbly move itt to your Hon^r & Councill as an Expedient for the R^t Honble Comp^as Service, that if any Gold of theirs (which cannot be coined without him) do arrive before Mr Littleton's returne from Pettepollee, you will please to appoint some other person to take charge of the Mint, for he has so fixed an aversation [*sic*] to mee, & carries itt (all along) with so much scorn & crossenes, [*sic*] that wee can never doe the business well togeather, & yet he may be so farr Sensible of the inconveniencies of what's past, that when joined with another, hee may better comport with his business. But unless he will give due attendance (wherein he has greatly failed) See the meltings of the R^t Honble Comp^as Gold, make Assays in due time, freely give his advice and assistance as occasion requires, (which I cannot expect he will do with me) the R^t Honble Comp^a may suffer, either in the produce or dispatch of their Gold, & I may thereby run the hazard of my own ruin, thrô another mans fault.

Fort St. George 9th June 1687.

NAT HIGGINSON.

10. Callicut Mercht for Bengall.
12. Coodaloor Mercht from Carricoll.

Ship Callicut Merchant Sailed for Metchlepatam & Bengall.
Coodaloor Merchant, John Jackson Master arrived from Carricoll with Paddy.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR — MUNDAY 13.
MR. ELIHU YALE — MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR. JOHN NICKS — MR JOHN GRAY
MR. THOMAS WAVELL — MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR. JOHN CHENEY.

Concerning the Sea Customes.

Notwithstanding the Rt Honble Compa have order'd only five p̃ Cent̃ Custome inwards in kind to be paid att this place, There being already Six p̃ Cent̃ paid in & out by the Portugues & Natives, wee think itt not convenient to alter that, they not being discontented att itt, & being more proffit to their Honrs but in respect of the said order, wee do now resolve that all English freemen, as well Inhabitants as traders to this place, do pay the said five p̃ Cent̃ Vizt Two & a half p̃ Cent̃ inwards, & Two & a half p̃ Cent̃ outwards, which alteration wee make, because there are quantities of goods Shipt off, for Severall places, which in returnes they bring only money back, which paying no Custome, would bee a loss, if itt was not laid as well upon the Exportation as Importation, And that wee might appear to bee as industrious as possible, to raise the Rt Honble Compns Revenues in this place, Itt is order'd that their Honrs covenant servants themselves shall pay Three p̃ Cent̃ Custome Vizt One & a half p̃ Cent̃ outwards & One & a half p̃ Cent̃ inwards & that all Commodities & all Sortes of Liquors of Europe & India, shall pay Custome, by all the foremention'd, as expressed in the following Order.

Order how the Sea-Custome is to be paid.

To all English freemen Inhabitants of the Citty of Madras & other English freemen admitted to trade to and from this Port as also to the Rt Honble Compns covenant Servants.

Itt being of absolute necessity & the Rt Honble Compas possitive Commands, to levy such duties from the English freemen Inhabitants of this place (as also from all other English freemen that voyage from hence to any other Port, or that arrive here) as may defray their excessive charges & disbursement they have been att in fortfiying itt, and are forced to continue for maintaining the Same, & the Securing their persons & trade, & whereas the Said Rt Honble Compa have establish'd the said Customes or duty to be but five p̃ Cent̃ for the said Inhabitants &ca to pay, wee judge itt to bee but just & moderate, & therefore we the President & Councill of Fort St George for the Said Rt Honble Compa doe hereby strictly enjoine & require you the English freemen &ca Inhabitants of Madras aforesaid to yeild all due obedience thereto, & punctually to pay the said duty att all times Vizt Two & a half p̃ Cent̃ outwards & Two & a half p̃ Cent̃ inwards, (and the Portugues & Natives to pay as before they have done) & because wee will not have the Rt Honble Compas covenant Servants themselves bee altogeather free from paying some part of this duty, wee do in the same manner require of them, that they and every of them do pay Three p̃ Cent̃ Custome Vizt One & a half p̃ Cent̃ outwards & One & a half p̃ Cent̃ inwards And wee do hereby declare that no Sortes of Commodities or Liquors whatsoever (either of Europe or India) shall bee exempted from paying the above said duty, by English freemen &ca and the Rt Honble Compas Servants as above mentioned Dated in Fort St George the 13th day of June 1687 and Signed by us.

Concerning entring goods att the Custome house.

The Rt Honble Compa having ordered that this Custome house bee regulated as near as wee can to that in England wee have to the best of our judgments (not having reca any particular directions from their Honrs of the method) setled that & some other things as mention'd in the following order.

Order how goods are to be enter'd att the Custome house.

To all Merchants & Commanders or Masters of Ships or Vessells that trade to or from this Port of Madras, as also to the Inhabitants of the Same, & all passengers voyaging upon said Ships or Vessells.

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To the intent that the R^t Honble Comp^a may not in the least be defrauded of their Customes, as establish'd all Commanders or Masters of Ships or Vessells, att their first arrivall, are hereby order'd to enter at the Custome house, their own name, their Ships or Vessells names, burthen, Guns, number & names of the Europe Officers & Seamen & what passengers they have brought upon their Ship or Vessell, with their names, & from what place they came, as also to make a true entry or manifest of all the goods brought in the said Ship or Vessell, with their Markes, Numbers, & quallity, and to whom consigned, & then every Merchant to whom the said goods are consigned, is also hereby order'd to make entry of the particulars thereof & pay his Customes, to the Collector, who is to give his Warrant to the Land Waiters, for the delivery of the said goods, to whomsoever they belong.

In like manner itt is also hereby order'd that all Commanders or Masters of Ships or Vessells that are bound from hence, to any other Port do enter their Ship or Vessell with their own name, and Ships or Vessells name &c^a as aforesaid att their arrivall, and signifie therein to what place they are bound, & then all Merchants or passengers on the said Ships or Vessells, trading that way or to that place, are likewise order'd to make their particular entry of what goods they intend to lade on Said Ship or Vessell, & pay their Customes first (before water bound) to the Collector, who is to give them a Warrant to the Land Waiters for Shipping the same, but the said Merchants &c^a are first to put on the backside of their Warrant, the contents of their goods, with the Markes & Numbers, & when the Ship or Vessell is ready to depart, the Commander or Master thereof is hereby order'd to enter the true contents of all his Ship or Vessells lading, with the Markes & Numbers, and not to depart, till the said manifest be found to agree with the particular Warrants, given by the Collector, nor till they have given an acc^t to the said Collector, what Europe men, either Seamen or passengers they have aboard.

And further wee do hereby give notice to all persons to whom these Presents are directed, that if they shall bee found to make any false entries, they shall loose their former priviledge of trading, or bee fined as wee shall think fitt.

Wee do hereby also require all Commanders & Masters of Ships or Vessells, as also all passengers to repair to the Governour & give an acc^t from whence they came, & upon the departure of any Ship or Vessell wee do forbid all Commanders or Masters of Ships or Vessells to receive any person aboard (that belongs to or resides in this place) whether they are Seamen or passengers, without the Governours leave, nor are the said Commanders or Masters to depart this place, without the same, And wee do in like manner forbid any person whosoever (who belong to or reside in this place) to depart without leave of the said Governour, & whatsoever Commander, Master, Passenger or Inhabitant of this place, shall act contrary to this our order, wee do hereby declare them fineable att our pleasure, or they shall no longer enjoy the R^t Honble Comp^as Indulgence of trade, but bee Sent home as persons not observing their Hon^rs Rules and Orders, by which meanes they are uncapable of the priviledges, granted to those, which do give due obedience thereto. Dated in Fort St George the 13th day of June 1687 And Signed by us.

Concerning the not paying Custome for Paddy.

Taking into consideration the troubles of this Country, and the encrease of the Famine, so many daily starving round us for want of food, Itt is order'd for the incouragment of all people, to bring Paddy & Grain to this place, that for the present they pay no Custome, And that the poor may bee supplied, Itt is also order'd that none shall engross the same (more then for the expence of their own families) that they may have itt att the best hand for their money, as expressed in the following Order.

By the President & Councill
of Fort St George.

Order to permit Paddy to be brought in without Custome.

Notwithstanding the establish'd Customes upon all Commoditys wee do for the present exempt Paddy and all Sorts of Grain, from paying Custome, that all Merchants traders therein may bee encouraged to bring itt in greater

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quantities to this Port, And that the poor of this Town, may bee Supplied with the same for their money. Wee do hereby order, that no Merchant or others shall engross Paddy, or other Grain to himself (more then may bee sufficient for his family) by buying itt up in great quantities, to Sell itt out againe to the poor, att dear rates, whereby many not being able to compass itt, doe daily starve, to the great abuse & discredit of our Government. Dated in Fort St George the 13th day of June 1687 And Signed by us.

Order'd that the three foregoing Orders bee put up att the Fort Gate, Sea Gate, and Choultry Gate in English, and the two latter, in Portugues, Gentue, Persian and Mallabar, that no person may pretend ignorance of the same. The three foregoing orders to be put up att the Gates.

There being only Mr John Heathfeild & Mr Joseph Hiller, att present assistants to the Sea Customer Itt is order'd that Mr John Pitt Mr Zouch Troughton & Mr Samuell Owen bee added instead of Mr Hiller, the business there being much larger upon this new alteration, then formerly. Persons added to the Sea side & Mr. Hiller put out.

Order'd that Pag^o 1000 bee paid Mr Thomas Wavell Paymaster Gen^ll to defray the Charges Garrison &c^a And Pag^o 600 to Mr John Cheney Storekeeper Generall to defray Charges of the R^t Honble Comp^as Sloops &c^a. P 1000 to be paid Mr. Wavell. P 600 to be paid Mr. Chency.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STABLES Sec^ry. JO^N: CHENEY.

Rec^d a Generall from Metchlepatam dated 2^d Ins^t with coppy of a Letter to them from Monsr Guitty dated in Orunzeebs Camp p^mo June 1687 N S and coppy of a Letter to them from Capt William Goodlad dated aboard Ship Loyall Adventure 28th May 1687. 13. Genll. &ca. from Metchlepā.

Rec^d a Letter from the Directore of Pullicherry dated 21th Ins^t N S advising that he will not permitt, any English to take passage on their Ships for Siam as also a letter from Mrs Thomasin Minchin, att Pullicherry desiring leave to go to Siam to her husband. Letter from Pullicherry. Letter from Mrs. Minchin.

Letters from the President to the Directore of Pullicherry giving him thankes, that he would not permitt any English to go to Siam, without his leave, which can be no wayes agreed to, And another to Mad^m Minchin acquainting her with the reasons, why She cannot be permitted to goe to [Siam] but that she might retire hither (if she thought fitt) till her husband came, both dated this day approved & signed. 14. Letter to Pullicherry. Letter to Mrs. Minchin.

Generall to Metchlepatam dated this day approved and signed. 15. Generallto Metchlepatam.

This day Mad^m Minchin arrived here from Pollicherry & brought a Letter from the Directore dated $\frac{12}{22}$ Ins^t to acquaint the President that she was gone hither, to get leave to go to Siam to her husband on a French Ship. Mrs. Minchin from Pullicherry. Letter from Pulicherry.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present THURSDAY 16.

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR ELIHU YALE MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS MR JOHN GRAY
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR JOHN CHENEY.

[16TH.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1687.*——

Mrs. Minchin delivers a Petition to go to Siam. The answer thereto.

Mrs Minchin delivers her Petition (as enter'd next after this Consultation) wherein she urges the necessity of her going to Siam to her husband, to which wee can say no more then formerly wrot both to the Directore & her the 14th Inst that wee cannot consent to her going, & that the Directore be again advised of the same, also acquainting her of the many inconveniencies that would attend her going to a place, the Rt Honble Compa were att Warrs with, & from whence by his Majesties & their order, wee had recal'd all English, & therefore advised her stay here where she should find all due civilities and assistance.

Mr Johnson sent for. A question put to him. Declares he knows nothing. A severe check given him.

According to Mr Higginson's desire in his reply to Mr Johnson's paper (wherein said Johnson charges him with jugling with the Braminees) wee sent for said Johnson, & required him to give us a particular acct if he knew in what Mr Higginson had wronged the Rt Honble Compa in during his being in the Mint, & what he meant by the word jugling, to which he declared he knew nothing, so that itt plainly appears to be only a malitious suggestion, for which he had a severe check.

Madras ffrigat to go to the Southward for Paddy. Afterwards to the West Coast.

Order'd that the Madras Frigat be sent to the Southward for Paddy & Grain, and afterwards when the Monsoon shall Serve, that she goe to the West Coast, with what wee can provide of those things they desire.

Capt Wetwang desires some Cordage for use of his Ship. To be spared att Invoyce price.

Capt Wetwang having desired us to spare him some Cordage, for the use of his Ship Royall James, Itt is order'd that he have what he has occation for, att the Invoyce price, & althô he complaines of the dearness & badness of itt, & was very urgent with us to make an abatement, yet wee could not lett him have itt under, thô wee Judge there might bee some reason for itt, being really very ordinary Stuff, & dear, being charg'd much higher then the Europe Ships usually sell att.

Guns to be continued aboard the Royall James till her returne from the Southward.

In regard that wee are willing to dispatch the Royall James to the Southward for Rice, with all the expedition possible, & that to take out the Guns, she brought from the West Coast, & put in ballast, would take up too much time, Itt is order'd that they bee continued aboard till her returne from thence.

A Lodg house to [*sic*] built for the Souldiers free from duty.

Itt being much to bee feared that the King of Gulcondah, cannot hold out long, & that when the Mogull comes to have the posession of this Country, wee have great reason to beleive that hee will endeavour, to revenge himself upon us, as he threatens, there being Warr declared in Bengall by us, and (as wee hear) on their Side also, therefore itt is thought very necessary & convenient, to build a Lodghouse, over against our Fortgate, (where formerly were the Stable & other old buildings, which the great Storm blew down) for the Souldiers free from duty to lodg in, that they may bee all within our walls, to bee ready upon occation, and att each end a Prison for Souldiers that offend, and that said building bee Tarras't att top, by reason if Tiled, being so near the Fort, under the Guns, itt would bee continually wanting repairs.

Chitty men desire their fine may be taken off. Agreed not to take itt off. No fine exceeding P 10 to bee awarded by any single Justice.

Whereas the Chitty men were fined Pago 100 for opressing the poor by shutting up their Shops, & selling Grain privatly in the night, by small measures & att a dear rate, whereby the said poor greatly suffer'd, & notwithstanding the Said Chittee men, made their complaints to us, to take off the said fine, yet considering the greatness of the fault, wee agree not to do itt, & gave them a severe check, telling them withall, that if they did so againe, they should be fined three times so much, And 'tis order'd that no fine exceeding ten Pago shall bee awarded, by any single justice, but by att least three of them, that all things therein may bee duly weighed and considered.

Concerning Factors & writers animosities one to another.

Some of the Councill having made complaint to us, that they have observed severall of the Factors & Writers, to have great animosities one against the other, & that generally they carry itt very proudly & disrespectfully towards them, & they have informed us, of severall disorders that some of them have been guilty of,

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particularly in stricking & challenging one another, wee therefore this day, sent for all the said Factors & Writers, & such as wee found guilty of said misdemeanors, wee set fines upon them for example to the rest, & instructed all to live in amity & respectfully one with another, in their severall degrees & stations, using many arguments to convince them, of the inconveniencies of the contrary course, & because wee are resolved to keep a good & orderly Government, & that every one shall pay a due respect, to their Superiors, & particularly the Factors & Writers to any & even the lowest of the Councill, Wee do agree and order that if any of the said Councill, find themselves disrespected or afronted by either the Factors & Writers that they may immediatly confine them to their Chambers, & order them to have nothing, but Rice & water till they have submitted themselves, & acknowledged their fault, both to us & them, as wee have now declared publickly to all the Said Factors & Writers, that they may bee inexcusable if they shall hereafter offend as before.

Factors & Writers sent for.

Fines sett upon the Guilty.

Declaration made to the Factors & Writers.

A Letter from the President to the Directore of Pullicherry read & past.

Letter to Pullicherry.

Order'd that Pag^{o} 1000 bee paid Mr Thomas Wavell Paymaster Generall to defray Charges Garrison &c^{a}.

P 1000 to be paid Mr. Wavell.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J $\frac{O}{N}$: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

To the Honble William Gyfford
President &c^{a} Councill.

In obedience to my husbands commands, I have sold my house & furniture &c^{a} in Bombay for less then half the real worth, & with the Generall of Surat's leave, have taken my passage on a French Ship, in order to go to him, Do therefore humbly request, your Hon^{r} &c^{a} that you would please to permit mee, to take my passage on said Ship for Siam, which favour if you please to grant mee, I do faithfully promise to use my utmost endeavours to perswade Mr Minchin, to returne with mee for Madras, on the same Ship, or by the first oppertunity that presents.

Coppy Mrs. Minchin's Petition.

I have great reason to beleive that Mr Minchin, will willingly leave Siam, when he hears (with your Hon^{rs} &c^{a} leave) he may live a freeman in this place, for hee has been a great sufferer there, & I am informed is very weary of the place, and my concernes are So att present, that unless your Hon^{r} &c^{a} please to grant this my humble request, myself & family will bee utterly ruined, which I humbly leave to your Hon^{r} &c^{as} consideration & crave leave to Subscribe

Honble S^{r} &c^{a}.
Your very humble Servant
THOMASIN MINCHIN.

Fort S^{t}. George
16th June 1687.

This evening Mrs Minchin returned to Pollicherry, to look after her things there, she not being permitted to go to Siam. 16. Mrs Minchin returned to Pullicherry.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}
MR ELIHU YALE MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS MR JOHN GRAY
MR MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR JOHN CHENEY.

MUNDAY 20.

[20th.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1687.*——

Concerning Conimeer Books. Mr Milton to deliver Generll Books &ca to Mr Willcox order.

The Generall Books of Conimeer being greatly behind hand, & notwithstanding their many promises for the finishing and Sending them hither to bee brought into our Books, wee find noe performance, Itt is therefore order'd that a Letter bee writt to the Chief & Councill that Mr Richard Milton do deliver, what Books and papers are in his custody, relating to their Generall Accompts to Mr Willcox his order, to bee finished by some other more dilligent hand.

Pearl Frigat to stay here to carry advices from England to the Bay.

Having lately sent Severall Ships and Sloops with Supplys to the Bay, Itt is thought convenient, to detain the Pearle ffrigat here, till we hear from England, that wee may immediatly Send her thether, with the Rt Honble Companies advices.

Generall to Conimeer.

A Generall to Conimeer dated this day read and past & delivered to Mr John Willcox Chief of that Factory hee being here.

William Gyfford.
Elihu Yale.
Tho: Lucas.
John Nicks.
John Gray.
Tho: Wavell.
Nat: Higginson.
J§: Cheney.

John Stables Secry.

21. Sloop from Pettepollee with Mr Littleton &ca and a Generall.

Sloop Jugganaiculo Edward Bell Master arrived here from Pettepollee & on her Mr John Littleton, William Proby and George Wingfeild with a Generall from thence dated the 24 past.

Danes Ship from Trincombar.

A Danes Ship called the Ellephanta arrived here from Trincombar with Paddy.

Thursday 23. No Consultation.

No Consultation the President being att the Mount for the Air.

25. Ships Sailed for Bengall.

Ship S.ta Cruise Augustin Carvalio Master, Ship Nossa Senõra de Rosira Jaccomo Ferrera Master & Ship Cæsar John Whaley Master Sailed hence for Bengall.

26. Generall from Coodaloor.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 20th Instant.

Att a Consultation

Present

William Gyfford Esqr	President & Governour
Mr Elihu Yale	Ms Thomas Lucas
Ms John Nicks	Ms John Littleton
Ms	Ms Thomas Wavell
Mr Nath Higginson	Ms John Cheney.

Munday 27.

Damag'd goods to be deliver'd to Capt. Wetwang.

There being Severall Europe goods damaged in the Royall James, Itt is order'd that Mr Lucas & Assistants do Survey itt, & deliver Capt John Wetwang the Same, to bee accompted for, att Invoyce price.

P 600 to be paid Mr Wavell.

Order'd that Pago 600 be paid Mr Thomas Wavell Paymaster Geuerall to defray the Charges Garrison &ca.

P 50 given for use of the poor.

Order'd that Pago 50 be given to the Supply of the poor natives out of the Pago 100 Mr Gray recd of the Chittees for a fine for their wronging them, in their price

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& measure of Grain, the callamity of famine still continuing, the English of this place, our Church, and joint Stock Merchants, having largly contributed thereto.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
JOHN GRAY.
THO. WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J$^{o}_{N}$ CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

28. Ship James for Acheen.

Ship James Capt Henry Burton Commander Sailed hence for Acheen and Pegu.

ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY 30.

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}
MR ELIHU YALE — MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS — MR JOHN LITTLETON
MR JOHN GRAY — MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR NATH HIGGINSON — MR JOHN CHENEY.

Pearle Frigat to be sent to the Southward. Also the Madras Frigat, 100 Piggs Lead to be laden on each.

Having before resolved that the Pearle ffrigat shall stay till the arrivall of Some Ships from England, to carry advices into the Bay, Itt is order'd that in the meantime, She be dispatcht to the Southward, to fetch what Bales they have in a readiness, att Portonovo and Coodaloor, & to bring what Paddy or Rice they can get upon freight, & the Madras Frigat being to Saile in her company thether, to do the Same. Itt is order'd that 100 pigs of Lead be laden upon each of them, for Coodaloor Factory, they having desired us to Send that quantity to supply their Merchants, but in case they cannot get a freight of Paddy or Rice then to lade upon each of them, what wood they can, besides their Bales.

P 500 to be paid Mr Wavell. P 100 to be paid the Merchants.

Order'd that Pag^{o} 500 bee paid Mr Thomas Wavell Paymaster Generall to defray Charges Garrison &^{ca}.

Order'd that Pag^{o} 100 be paid Chinna Vencatadry & Comp^{a} on acco^{tt} with the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} they being indebted to them.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO. LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
JOHN GRAY.
THO. WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J$^{o}_{N}$ CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

pmo. A Ship from Trincombar.

A Ship from Tringambar arrived here with Paddy.

Ship Adventure for Acheen. 2.

Ship Adventure Thomas Hicks Master Sailed for Acheen.

Bill given for Pago 1000. 3.

Mr Affloeck offering Pag^{o} 1000 for two months att 10 p̃ Cent̃ Intrest p̃ Anñ, a Bill was given him for the Same.

Trevicane from the Southward.

Ship Trevicane John Strangways Master arrived from the Southward with Paddy.

[4TH.]

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1687.*——

A paper from a Ship that came into the Road.

This morning a Ship came into this road from which received this following paper from Mr Moody.

Madras Road 4th July 1687.

Honr Sr

Ship called the Nugdee taken by the Dragon.

This Ship is called the Nugdee Thomas Walthrop Commander, was taken by the Dragon the 14th May, & on the 26th ditto lost compas from which time to the 18th June, wee directed our Course towards Persia, but in all that time could not gaine above 60 leagues Westwd & then Sprung up a very strong gale, which continued severall days between the West & W.N.W. itt blew so hard, that could not carry our Topsails, but were forced Severall times, to lower maine yard, & lye by under a fore Sayle, the Pilott & Noqueda, do report this Ship to be worth thirty thousand Rupees, besides the Hull, please to order what shall bee done with the Lascars that did come from Surat in her, they report the Generall & his Lady left Surat the latter end of Aprill, the Sampson having lost many men, is gone for England, with 30 Lascars, I shall wait upon your Honr presently.

Your Most humble Servant

AMBROSE MOODY.

MUNDAY 4, No Consultation.

No Consultation the weather proving very rainy.

Generll from Metchlepatam.

Recd a Generall from Metchlepatam dated the 15th last month.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORR

Present

TUESDAY 5.

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR	
Mr ELIHU YALE	Mr THOMAS LUCAS
Mr JOHN NICKS	Mr JOHN LITTLETON
Mr	Mr THOMAS WAVELL
Mr NATH HIGGINSON	Mr JOHN CHENEY.

Cash Acct. for June read.

The Presidents Cash Book for the month of June read and past, the ballance being ... ... Pago 53 : 25 : 4.

Sea Customers acct for June.

The Sea Customer Mr John Nicks his Book of Accompts for the month of June read and past as followeth.

Sea Custome	Pago	228 : 26 : 28
Anchoridge Ships &ca	„	53 : 18 : —
New Botica rents	„	43 : 18 : —
Register houses & Slaves	„	6 : 23 : —
	P.	332 : 13 : 40

Mint Acct for Jnne read.

Mr Nathaniell Higginson read his Accompt of the Minta [*sic*] for Mintage duties recd upon particular persons Gold, coined in the month of June Pago 6445 : 18 att ½ p Cent ... ... Pago 32 : 08 : 3

Pay masters acct for May.

The Paymaster Generall Mr Thomas Wavell his Book of Accompts for the month of May read and past as followeth.

Charges Garrison	Pago	741 : 15 : 63
Charges Generall	„	439 : 14 : —
Charges Diet	„	430 : 19 : 21
Charges Extraordinary	„	57 : 34 : 42
Charges Cattle	„	225 : 13 : —
Charges Merchandise	„	72 : 35 : —
Accompt Fortifications & repairs	„	384 : 33 : —
By an expedition to Mergen [*sic*]	„	339 : 25 : —
	P.	2692 : 09 : 42

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Order'd that Mr John Littleton have credit in the Generall Books Pago 131 : 09 : 0 for an Error committed by him, when he was Mint Master, as is att large exprest therein. Mr. Littleton to have Credit for an Error committed by him.

The prize Ship called the Nugdee which arrived here yesterday from the Coast of India taken by Capt Anthony Fenn Commander of the Dragon, is order'd to bee enquired into by the Court of Admiralty and concluded accordingly. Prize Ship Nugdee to be enquired into by the Admiralty.

Mr John Littleton having delivered in an Accompt of the expences for himself, William Proby & George Wingfeild in their voyage by a private Ship from Pettepollee hither, amounting to Pago 21. Itt is order'd that Mr Wavell do pay the Same itt appearing to us to be reasonable. Mr. Littleton &ca to be allowed the expences from Pettepollee.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO : LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
JOHN GRAY.
THO : WAVELL.
NAT : HIGGINSON.

JOHN STABLES Secry. JN̄ : CHENEY.

Pearle Frigat's dispatch to Portonovo, & orders of Warrfare, & Madras Frigat's dispatch thether, all dated this day, approved Signed & delivered. 6. Dispatches Signed & delivered.

Skipper Thomas Ship arrived here from Palliacat. Skipper Thomas Ship from Palliacat.

Recd a Letter from Edward Dutton dated att Sadraspatnam the 29th past, with a Petition to be entertained in the Rt Honble Compas Service, or bee permitted to go home for England, Coppy whereof is as followeth. Letter & Petition from Edwd Dutton.

To the Honble William Gyfford President for affairs of the Rt Honble English East India Company on the Coast of Choromandell Bay of Bengall &ca and Governour of Fort St George &ca Councill. Coppy of Edwd Duttons Petition.

The humble Supplication of Edward Dutton

May itt please your Honr
&ca Councill.

Whereas per advice from England, 'twas the good will and pleasure of the Rt Honble East India Company to appoint your humble Supplicant the Station of a Factor, upon consideration of the good Service his deceased father, Capt John Dutton had done them the Space of Five years on the Island St Helena, & in a voyage to Puleroon, in which places he was constituted Governour, by a Commission from the Rt Honble Compa and more especially by order of his late Majesty of Blessed memory King Charles the 2d wherein he discharged his trust as their faithfull servant, in which voyage your Supplict did accompany him, & has Since been actually the Rt Honble Compas Servant, the Space of Nine years & being recommended to their Honrs both by the late Agent & his Honr now President, on a Petition to Sr John Bankes, then Governour, was admitted a Factor on Bonds, given by Sr Richard Dutton Knt which place & Station of a Factor, your Suppt doth in most humble manner, Supplicate, hee may bee admitted to, but in case of non admittance, your humble suppt doth further request your Honr &ca Councill, to give him a discharge from the Honble Compas Service, that hee may provide for his going home, to wch end humbly entreats your Honr &cs to grant him the liberty to returne to England on the first Ship, on the Honble Compas accompt, for which shall ever pray, as in duty bound &ca being allwayes

Sadraspatam
29th June 1687.

Your Honr &ca Councills
Most obedient Servant
EDWARD DUTTON.

[7th.]

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Att a Consultation

Present

William Gyfford Esq[r] President & Governour	
M[r] Elihu Yale	M[r] Thomas Lucas
M[r] John Nicks	M[r] John Littleton
M[r] John Gray	M[r] Thomas Wavell
M[r] Nath Higginson	M[r] John Cheney.

Thursday 7.

Storekeepers Acct for May.

The Storekeeper Generall M[r] John Cheney his acco[tt] of Stores bought sold and expended for the month of May read & past.

The Rt Honble Compas own Ships to salute the ffort with no more then five Guns. Merchts expences acct of Interlopers allowed.

In regard of the great expence of Gunpowder, by the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] own Ships, in Saluting the ffort, & the ffort answering the like, being all att their Hon[rs] expence, on both Sides, Itt is order'd that none of their Ships do fire above five Guns.

The Merchants having now brought in their acc[t] of what expences they were att in Presents to the Severall Governours of this Country, to prevent the Interlopers trading, Itt is agreed to allow itt them, as formerly promised am[t] to Pag[o] 251: 21: 0 as p̃ Said accompt.

Edwd Dutton permitted to go for England.

Edward Dutton having sent us a Letter, & Petition from Sadraspatam to be entertained in the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Service as a ffactor, according to their Hon[rs] appointment, or otherwise to have leave to go for England, upon one of their Hon[rs] Ships, on their acc[t]. Itt is thought convenient to grant the latter, but not to entertaine him for the reasons wee formerly gave the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] and Severall other of his misdemeanors Since.

P 1000 to be paid M[r] Wsvell.

Order'd that Pag[o] 1000 be paid M[r] Thomas Wavell Paymaster Generall to defray Charges Garrison &c[a].

Three blank Passes to be sent to Coodaloor.

M[r] Davis &c[a] Councill, of Coodaloor having desired some Passes to deliver to Severall friends Ships that go from the Port of Portonovo, Itt is order'd that the Secretary do Send them three blank Passes.

Madras Frigat to be Sheathed.

In regard the Madras ffrigat hath not been as yet Sheathed, & the Master reporting the necessity of doing itt, Itt is agreed that M[r]. Davis &c[a] att Coodaloor, do order her to go into Portonovo river Said Ship being dispatcht thether, & that they be writ to about itt accordingly.

William Gyfford.
Elihu Yale.
Tho: Lucas.
John Nicks.
John Littleton.
John Gray.
Tho: Wavell.
Nat: Higginson.
J̄n: Cheney.

John Stables Sec[ry].

7. Ships Sailed for Portonovo. Coodaloor Mercht. for Coodaloor.

Pearle Frigat & Madras ffrigat Sailed this morning for Portonovo.

Ship Coodaloor Merch[t] John Jackson Master Sailed for Coodaloor.

8. Genll to Coodaloor & Letter to Harja Maha Raja.

Generall to Coodaloor & a Letter from the President to Harja Maha Raja Chief Sobadar of the Chingee Country, about Bowreys business dated this day approved and signed.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1687.—— [8TH.]

A List of the Rt Honble Compas Servants Vizt. List of the Rt Honble Compas Servants Att Fort St George.

Att Fort St George :—

	Present degree.	Time commencing.
2.	Daniell Gyfford Senr Merchant	25 Decr 1679
1.	William Hodges Senr Merchant	6 May 1676
3.	Thomas Yale Merchant att 30 £ p Anñ to Siam	pmo July 1683
4.	John Stables Merchant	4 July 1681
5.	Henry Alford Merchant	4 July 1681
16.	Richard Knipe att 30 £ p Anñ Factor ...	arrivall Priaman.
6.	Henry Mose, Factor	17 July 1682
7.	William Cawley Factor	16 June 1684
8.	John Hill Factor	19 Novr 1684
9.	Ambrose Moody Factor	7 Decr 1684
10.	Frederick Bagwell Factor	7 Decr 1684
11.	John Pitt Factor	30 Jany 1684/5
12.	John Heathfeild Factor	25 May 1685
13.	William Fraser Factor	31 May 1685
14.	Daniell DuBois Factor	11 Augst 1685
15.	Edmd Mountague Factor	29 Decr 1686

Writers. Att Fort St George.

John Beavis	3 July	1681
Francis Willcox	3 July	1681
Zouch Troughton	17 July	1682
Samuell Owen	30 July	1682
William Proby	2 June	1683
Gabriell Roberts	2 June	1683
Thomas Stubbs	2 June	1683
John Butterfeild	16 June	1684
George Wingfeild	16 June	1684
Edward King	16 June	1684
Thomas Constable	16 June	1684
Richard Farmer	20 Septr	1684
Edward Barron	31 May	1685
Stephen Mabb	3 June	1685
Thomas Jourdan	11 Augst	1685

Factors to come from the Northward. To come from the Northward.

Samuell Wales Senr Merchr	10 July	1675
Timothy Harris Senr Merchr	4 July	1681
Richard Brereton Merchr	pmo Novr	1683
William Shales Factor...	16 June	1684
Samuell Swynock Factor		

Writers to come from the Northward. To come from the Northward.

Francis Bett		
Thomas Wright	16 June	1684
Charles Foster	16 June	1684

Att Coodaloor. Att Coodaloor.

John Davis Chief	10 Septr	1668
Ralph Ingram 2d	pmo Novr	1683
Chris: Willson 3d	11 Augst	1685
Grimstone Luckin Writer	17 July	1682
Vicessimus Griffith Writer	31 May	1685

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Att Conimeer.

John Willcox Chief	27 June	1673
Richard Milton 2d	27 June	1673
Simon Holcombe 3d	31 May	1685
John Price Writer	16 June	1684
Samll Whitby Writer	31 May	1685

Att Vizagapatam.

Richard Brown Chief	23 June	1675
Charles Fleetwood 2d	3 July	1681
Francis Charlton Writer	$\bar{p}^{mo}$ Novr	1683
John ONeal Writer	$\bar{p}^{mo}$ Novr	1683

Gone to Persia on the Dragon.

Robert Leveson writer	30 Janry	168$\frac{4}{5}$

9. This evening died Frederick Bagwell Factor.

10. This morning a Ship arrived from Trincombar with Paddy.

Att a Consultation

Present

William Gyfford Esqr President & Governr
Mr Elihu Yale — Mr
Mr John Nicks — Mr John Littleton
Mr John Gray — Mr Thomas Wavell
Mr Nath Higginson — Mr John Cheney.

Munday 11.

Land Customers accts for May.

The Land Customer Mr John Gray his Book of Accompts for the month of May read and past as followeth.

Land Custome	Pago	140 : 28 : 94
Choultry or Petty Land Custome	,,	52 : 13 : 36
Measurers duty	,,	18 : 15 : 44
Paddy Toll att the Banksall	,,	25 : 01 : 39
Weighers duty	,,	– : 12 : 47
	P	236 : 35 : 60

Joint Stock Merchts demands. Particulars to be examined.

The Rt Honble Compas Merchants in joint Stock, making their demands for Errors & Omissions in their accts with the Rt Honble Compas amounting to Pago 3298 : 27 : 3 being the Ballance of their acct delivered in, which they expect to have carried to their Credit, Itt is order'd that the particulars be examined & considered of.

William Gyfford.
Elihu Yale.
Tho : Lucas.
John Nicks.
John Littleton.
John Gray.
Tho : Wavell.
Nat : Higginson.
J$^{o}_{n}$: Cheney.

John Stables Secry.

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No business offered for Consultation. THURSDAY. 14. No Consultation.

A Danes Ship arrived from Trincombar with Grain. 17. Ship from Trincombar.

Ship Rose Christopher Fox Master (Capt Lucas being dead) arrived from Bencoolen, alias York Fort on the West Coast of Sumatra, and brought a Generall from thence, dated the 6th of last month, & a Letter from Jeanapatwan the chief Emperour of the Island, to the President, (which cannot be translated) as also a Box containing Viz^{t} Generall Books of Accompts, Anno 1685 Closed the 30th of Aprill 1686. Diary and Consultation Book, begun the 4th of August 1687 ending the 30th of May 1687 Coppy Book of Letters received begun the 19th of October 1685 ending the 11th of December 1686. Coppy Book of Letters sent begun the 3^{d} of October 1685 Ending the 22th of Aprill 1687. Ship Rose from Bencoolen. Generall &ca from thence.

A Danes Ship arrived from Trincombar with Grain. 18. Ship from Trincombar.

Ship Pearle William Harrison Master arrived here this morning from Madapollam. Ship Pearle from Madapollam.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}	PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR ELIHU YALE	MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR JOHN NICKS	MR JOHN LITTLETON
MR JOHN GRAY	MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR NATH HIGGINSON	MR JOHN CHENEY.

MUNDAY 18.

In regard there has been so much dispute, concerning the want of Gold Thread att Coodaloor, delivered by Mr Ord to Mr Cawley, which of the Two should allow itt, Mr Ord being dead & Mr Cawley declaring he was Sick att that time, & not able to take a particular acc^{t} thereof, Itt is agreed to write to the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} concerning what may bee Said to itt on both sides & referr itt to their Hon^{rs}. Gold Thread in dispute att Coodaloor. Referr'd to the Rt Honble Compa.

Chinna Vencatadry &c^{a} Merchants having advised the Councill the 11th Ins^{t} that they had not been duly Credited for Severall particulars, for some years past, whereupon the Accomptant was order'd to examine & compare the Gen^{ll} Books with the Acc^{ts} & of many omissions the Merchants complain of, find only the following particulars, & the Books being brought to Councill, & examined, & finding them due, the following Summes are ordered to be brought to the Merchants Creditt in Books E E they being order'd to be kept open, till we receive all the Subordinate ffactory books, to ajust acc^{ts} with them. Concerning the Joint Stock Merchants demands. Genll Books compared with the accompts. The Books brought to Councill and examined. To have Creditt in Books E E. Particulars to be carried to their Creditt.

Custome twice charged in Books B B fol^{o} 44	...	...	P 478 : 31 : 2
Salt for Garse 200 att Kisnapatam, which they were order'd to provide for Priaman, & still remaines there	...	...	,, 400 : — : —
Sundry charges & expences they were att, by order for defeating the Interlopers, as p their acc^{t} examined am^{t} to P 523—17—5 & now allowed them in full thereof, as order'd the 7th Ins^{t}	...	...	,, 251 : 21 : —
			P 1130 : 16 : 2

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[18TH.] Assistants appointed some of the Councill.

That the Rt Honble Compas business may be managed to their most advantage, & that the persons hereafter named in their Severall imploymts may have Sufficient assistants, to carry itt on, Itt is order'd as followeth.

To the Mint master.

Mr Freeman att his return from Metchlepa by Station to be Mintmastr.
Mr Johnson assistant.

To the Collector of the Revenues.

Mr Littleton Collector of the Revenues.
Mr Hill assistant.

To the Land Customer.

Mr Gray Land Customer.
Mr Cawley assistant.
Mr Constable writer.

To the Paymaster Generall.

Mr Wavell Paymaster Generall.
Mr Moody } assistants.
Mr DuBois }
Mr Wingfeild Writer.

To the Auditor of Accompts.

Mr Higginson Auditor of Accts (but to Supply the place of Mintmaster till Mr Freemans return from Metchlepatam) & his assistant as Auditor to be

To the Storekeeper Generall.

Mr Proby writer.
Mr Cheney Storekeeper Generall.
Mr Hodges assistant.
Mr Bett writer.

Mr Thomas Yales accts perused & order'd to be paid.

Mr Thomas Yale having delivered in his Accts of his voyage to Goa on the Madras Frigat, the Same was perused, & the ballance thereof due to him being Perdoes 1777 : 0 : 4½ which att 5 Perdoes to a Pago is Pago 355 : 12 : 0 is order'd to be paid him.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO : LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
JOHN GRAY.
THO : WAVELL.
NAT : HIGGINSON.
Jo: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Secry

19. Letter to Theamback Bussora.

A Letter from the President, to Triamback Bussora, writt upon Mr Willcox his request, concerning the recovery of Some debts due to Conimeer ffactory from Some Corall Merchants gone to his Government.

20. Two Ships Sailed for Trincombar.

Two Danes Ships sailed for Trincombar.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 21.

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR	PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR	MR THOMAS LUCAS
MR	MR JOHN LITTLETON
MR	MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR NATH : HIGGINSON	MR JOHN CHENEY.

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[21ST.] Paymasters accots for June.

Mr Thomas Wavell Paymaster Generall his Book of Accompts for the month of June read & past as followeth.

Charges Garrison	Pago	702 : 22 : 0
Charges Generall	„	440 : 07 : 0
Charges Diett	„	307 : 25 : 18
Charges Extraordinary	„	19 : 07 : 63
Charges Cattle	„	65 : 35 : 54
Charges Merchandise	„	70 : 28 : 54
Accoct ffortifications repairs &ca	„	425 : 21 : —
By Bengall expedition	„	69 : — : —
By a Voyage to Goa...	„	51 : 21 : —
	P	2152 : 24 : 21

Pago 500 to be paid Mr Wavell.

Order'd that Pago 500 be paid Mr Thomas Wavell, Paymaster Generall to defray Charges Garrison &ca.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J$^{o}_{s}$: CHENEY.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

22. Williamson from England

This morning the Williamson Capt Richard Warner Commander arrived from England.

23. Box of Letters &ca brought ashoar.

This evening late the Box of Letters &ca from the Rt Honble Company p̄ the Williamson, was brought ashoar, & referr'd till Munday to be perused.

Generall &ca from Coodaloor.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 19th Inst, with coppy of a Letter from thence, to Harja Maha Raja, & another to Timmauge Puntolo.

Letter from James Horner.

Recd a Letter from James Horner dated in Portonovo 17th Instant desiring a Pass for his Ship.

Letter from Moody & Leveson.

Recd a Letter from Ambrose Moody & Robert Leveson from aboard the Dragon, bound for Persia, dated in Trincomala the 25th March last, advising of their putting in there, for provissions & water.

25. Letters & Commission p̄ Ship Williamson Perused. Elihu Yale Esqr constituted President. President Gyffords Commission revoaked, he delivered up his charge &ca. Conclusion of this Book.

The Generall Letters & Commission from the Rt Honble Compa p̄ the Williamson, were perused & the President finding by Said Commission that Elihu Yale Esqr was constituted President, & President Gyffords Commission revoaked, he delivered up his charge, as att large is exprest in a Generall Consultation, of the old & new Councill, the begining of the Consultation Book, by the Honble Elihu Yale Esqr President & Governour, which with President Gyffords best wishes for all good Success & prosperity to the Rt Honble Compas affairs, under the mannagment of the new President concludes this Consultation Book.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

[22ND.] Williamson from England. The Packett left aboard.

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This day Ship Williamson Capt Richard Warner Commander arrived from England, when the Purser brought ashoar the bag of particular Letters, but left behind the box of the Generall Packett, occation'[d] by the Captaines great indisposition, having been Since his departure from Jago troubled with a dangerous impostume, The Purser being ordered aboard againe for the Said Box.

23. The Packet brought ashoar. Perusall deferr'd till Munday.

Which' brought ashoar this Satterday Evening, being late, twas thought fitt to deferr the perusall of the Letter & Commission, till Munday following, the usuall Consultation day.

24. Letter to Trincombar.

Letter from the President to the Governour of Trincombar approved and Signed.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 25.

WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR	PRESIDENT & GOVER[NR.]
MR ELIHU YALE	SR JOHN BIGGS
MR THOMAS LUCAS	MR JOHN NICKS
MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR JOHN GRAY
MR THOMAS WAVELL	MR NATH: HIGGINSON
MR JOHN CHENEY	MR WILLIAM FRASER.

[Box] of Letters open'd & perns'd. Mr Yale concern'd to displace President Gyfford.

The Councill being mett the box of Letters was opened & per[used] and Mr Yale, being much concerned for, & very unwilling to displace President Gyfford, supposing the orders only proceeded from the Rt Honble Compas beleife of his absence, desired the Councill to take itt into their consideration, & if possible to excuse his taking place, till President Gyffords departure, which he intended by the next Ship, but the Councill having againe perused the Generall Letter & Commission, & finding President Gyffords Commission absolutly revoaked & no proviso in any Letter concerning him, gave their opinions that Mr Yale could not bee excused from the present execution of the Rt Honble Compas Commission to him for the Presidency, which was also President Gyffords opinion, who willingly & readily consented thereto, & after some discourse of our present affair, gave the Chair to Mr Yale, as also the charge of the Fort, which being recd with many curteous assurances of continued respects, & the usuall salutes of Guns, Mr Yale & the Councill waited upon President Gyfford out of the Fort, where they took a kind leave, then President Yale & Councill returned to reperuse the Rt Honble Compas Letters, and to consider of & order what requisite therein.

President Gyfford's Commission absolutly revoaked. President Gyfford gave the Chair as also the Charge of the Fort to Mr Yale. Gunns fired.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
J. BIGGS. ELIHU YALE.
WILL: FRASER. THO: LUCAS.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
JOHN GRAY.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.

JOHN STABLES Secry. JN: CHENEY.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY. 25.

ELIHU YALE ESQR	PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY	SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR NATH: HIGGINSON	MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Note.—The Diary and Consultations of the period, July, 25, to December, 29, 1687, have been taken from Public Consultations Vol. XIII, pages 1—192.

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The Generall Letters of date 22th Octobr 1686. 7th, 10th, 22th, Janry 168⅘ from the Rt Honb[le] Compa were againe read & considered of, & the particular remarks made thereon, after which Mr Thomas Lucas, Mr John Nicks, Mr John Cheney, Mr John Heathfield & Joseph Hiller were sent for, & acquainted with the Rt Honble Compas pleasure & order concerning them, who humbly submitted thereto, and Mr Nicks well satisfied with their appointment of him to Madapollam, where when wee have occation to send him assures us of his most faithfull & best endeavours to Serve the Rt Honble Compa & by the discharge of his duty, to merritt their good opinion of him.

Genll Letters againe read. Mr Lucas &a acquainted with the Rt Honble Compas orders the [*sic*] humbly submit thereto. Mr Nicks well satisfied with his appointment to Madapollam.

Mr Cheney humbly assures us that he is not conscious of any disservice, in the charge committed to him in the Mindanao voyage, that may deserve our Rt Honble Master's displeasure, but that he acted all thing[s] therein faithfully, & to the best of his abillity, & hopes his Diary thereof will so confirm itt, that he may again bee readmitted into their Honrs favour, which he shall with patience wait for, & in the mean time re[a]dily accept & discharge any Service required of him.

Mr Cheney not conscious of any disservice.

Mr Heathfield willingly & thankfully accepts his former [im]ployment of Chirurgeon, & declares his absence from itt, has been a great loss to him, that his acceptance of a Factorship was Soly in obed[ience to] the President & Councills command, who then were in great [w]ant of Servants to carry on the Rt Honble Compas business, & that his chief encouragment therein, was from the hopes of future advancement to some employment, that might give him a greater reputation & prosperity then he could reasonably expect from his vocation, But shall now content himself therewith, without aspiring beyond that Ellemen[t].

Mr Heathfeild accepts his former imployment. His acceptance of a Factorship was in obedience of the President &ca commands. Hopes of future advancemt.

Order'd that Mr John Littleton Warehouskeeper, do send for the Chest of Gold ashoar from the Williamson, with all expedition, & that no time be lost in its Coynage, that according to the Rt Honble Compas orders wee may pay off their debts att Intrest, & that also he gives order for the unlading the Silver, & other goods aboard her, as soon as possibly may bee, with safety & conveniency, that wee may dispose said Ship upon such voyages as may bee thought convenient.

The Chest of Gold to be sent for from the Williamson. No time to be lost in its coynage. Silver and other goods to be unladen out of the Williamson.

Order'd that the Chest of Gold p̃ the Williamson bee delivered to the Mint to bee coyned with all expedition.

Chest of Gold to be delivered to the Mint.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRÃO.

Present TUESDAY. 26.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR
Mr JOHN GRAY Sr JOHN BIGGS
Mr JOHN LITTLETON Mr THOMAS WAVELL
Mr NATH HIGGINSON Mr WILLIAM FRASER.

Agreed and Order'd that all persons both lately & now of this Councill do continue to officiate in their Severall imployments, till the end of this month of July

All persons to continue in their imploy-

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mt to the end of this month.

& then to deliver up their charge to those whose degree itt falls to, only Mr Thomas Wavell whose business as Sixth of Councill should bee Mintmaster, but making itt his request to the Councill, to bee excused att present from that charge, as being yet unacquainted therewith, besides that itt would bee a prejudice to him if he neglected the due carrying on & making up his Paymasters acct which was dispersed in many ways & hands, for which reasons his desire was granted, & Mr Nathaniell Higginson order'd to continue the care of the Mint, till Mr Wavell had settled his accts & then to deliver itt to him.

Mr Wavell desires to be excused from the Mint for the present. His reasons for itt.

Mr Higginson to continue the care of the Mint.

Order'd that Mr John Littleton Warehouskeeper do weigh off & deliver the Rt Honble Compas Chest of Gold Nº A to Mr Higginson, to bee coyned with all care & expedition, for the discharge of our Debts att intrest here, & that they bee very punctuall in observing the Rt Honble Compas direction in its Mintage, & Mr Johnson the Assay Master being att present Sick, 'Tis order'd that Mr Higginson in presence of Mr Fraser, Mr Hodges & Mr Cawley do cause two penny weight to be taken off each Ingot of Gold, to bee Sealed up before the abovemention[']d persons, & delivered to Mr Johnson, to make Assays of, when itt shall please God to recover him from his present Sickness, & that Mr Higginson in the mean time, advises & acquaints him with the Alloy & Coynage, And that a penny weight of each Ingot be cut off more, and carefully sealed up before Wittnesses, which with the accompt of the Assays, are to bee sent home for England, by the first Ship.

Chest of Gold to be weighed to Mr Higginson.

To be punctuall in observing the Rt Honble Compas direction in the Mintage.

Small peeces of Gold to be Sealed up & deliver'd Mr Johnson to make Assays when recover'd.

Mr Higginson to acquaint him of the Alloy & Coynage.

A Penny weight off each Ingot to be sealed up to be sent the Rt Honble [*sic*]with acct of the Assays.

Mr. Freeman not being yet come from Metchlepatam, Mr John Nicks is order'd to continue his charge of Customer till further order.

Mr Nicks to continue Customer till further order.

The Rt Honble Compa having in their former Generall Letter to us of the 14th of Janury 1685 possitivly order'd the renting of St Thomá Towne from the Duan, but being satisfied itt would raise many scruples & difficulties in them, or att least inhaunce the rent If we appeared in itt, or treated about itt ourselves, or in the Rt Honble Compas name, Itt was therefore then thought most prudent & convenient, that Chinna Vencatadry undertook the business in his own name, as formerly he & Verona had done, which would make less discourse & noise, &. accordingly the President & Councill gave him an order under their hands for the Same, which as he tells us, he has been ever since treating about, but that the late & present warrs & troubles in the Country, had thus long obstructed & delayed the conclusion, though in the mean time some of our Portugues Inhabitants since our demanding Taxes, & advance of the Customes, have privatly negotiated this matter by one of their Padrees att Gulcondah, who procured them a Phirmaund for their resettlement & trade in the Country, & since that and the news of the Mogulls Success against Gulcondah, with the probabillity of his coming or Sending hither, & our danger thereby, have privatly, basely & ungratefully Sneakt away to St Thomá, & there been treating with the Seer Lascar &cas Governours to take a Lease of St Thomá Government, & there to ffortifie & hoist their Flag, which they thought themselves Soe Secure of that they had advanced their Standard, when the President sending away to the Braminee Governour of these parts about itt, & to mind him of his promise thereof to Chinna Vencatadry, with a promise of a gratuity, their grandure was immediatly Stopt, & their Flagstaff lower'd & ever since greatly discouraged, which we hope will continue to their return hither with Shame & sorrow for their vain expence.

The Rt Honble Compa order the renting St Thomá.

not convenient to treat about itt ourselves Chinna Vencatadry to under take the business President & Councill give Chinna Vencatadry an order about St Thomá.

Portugues procure a Phirmaund for St Thomá for themselves. They Sneak away to St Thomá.

[They] advance a Standard for a Flag to be hoisted.

Their grandure Stopt & Flag staff lower'd

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Itt is therefore agreed & order'd that Chinna Vencataary do so prosecute the business as to disappoint them, though wee pay Something more for itt, then they offer, which wee doubt not in time to recover from them, besides'tis of Such absolute necessity to rent that Town, as well for preventing the deminishing our trade & customes, as also our force, five parts of our Souldiers being Portugues Topasses, who if they should Settle att St Thomá would certainly run thether from us, in our necessity.

Chinna Vencatadry to prosecute the business. Of absolute necessity to rent St. Thomá.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Sec[ry].

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRÃO

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY S[R] JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR NATH HIGGINSON MR WILLIAM FRASER.

WENSDAY 27.

The Councill open'd the Writ directed to the President with Thirteen of his Majesties Proclamations, commanding his Subjects from the Service of Severall Indian Princes & all other Nations whatsoever in India, the Writ translated as followeth.

His Majtys writ with the Proclamations opened.

James the Second by the Grace of God King of England, Scottland France & Ireland Defender of the Faith, Our President & Councill in our Citty of Westminster to our President in the Fort of S[t] George, upon the Territories of Chormandell health. Wee command you that you being present in all places within the Said Citty as well within as without, where itt shall see most expedient to you, you cause Solemnly & publickly to bee Proclamed on our part, a certain Proclamation made by us, by the advice of our Councill, as in certain Scheduls herewith Sent you, commanding you that immediatly after the Proclamation aforesaid made, all and Singular the Said Scheduls in Severall distinct & publique places bee caused to bee offer'd or Sett up, that itt may better appear to all his Majesties Subjects & Leige people, & this you shall in no wise omitt, Wittness ourself att Westminster the 23th July the Second year of our reigne.

Translate of Said Writ.

And'tis order'd that to morrow his Majesties Proclamation bee accordingly read att the Gate of our Fort & the Choultry Gate of our Citty, & that our Souldiers bee called to Armes, & all English Inhabitants Summon'd to attend att the Solemnity, & that great Guns bee fired, and arterwards three of the Proclamations to bee fixed; On[e] att the Fort Gate, one att the Sea Gate, the other att the Church door & also two to bee Sent to the Bay of Bengall, with orders to bee Proclamed with due Solemnity, & that the Agent &c[a] do Strictly observe the contents thereof, by calling in the English from forreign Services, also one to bee sent to each of our Subordinate Factories with the Same orders, & that the Proclamation bee translated into French, Dutch, Portugues, Moors, Gentue & Mallabar, & fixt upon the other Gates of the Citty, that itt may bee publisht to all persons & Nations in India.

Proclamation to be read. Solemnity to be used.

Proclamations to be fixed on the Gates of the Citty. Two to be sent to Bengall. One to each Subordinate Factory. To be Translated into French &ca & fixed on the Gates.

The Councill having taken S[r] John Biggs Commission into consideration, & do agree that the President & Councill, do accompany him to the Town hall, and

Sr John Biggs Commission taken into consideration.

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Oath to be given him att the Town hall. Kings Proclamation to be read.

there to give him an Oath for due Admipistration of Justice, & settle him in his authority there, and afterwards that he accompany us to the Fort to read the Kings Proclamation.

Rt Honble Compas Genll to Bengall read & order'd to be sent them. What Stock & supply to send them not now resolved.

The Rt Honble Compas Generall for Bengall read & considered & order'd to bee sent them by the first conveyance, but for what Stock, and Supply to Send them, wee cannot att present resolve, but to have another day appointed for that purpose.

President Supplies the Rt Honble Compa with Pago 2000.

The Rt Honble Compa being att present out of Cash here, & having great occation for mony, upon the Councills desire, the President has Supplied them with 2000 Pagodas.

P 1000 to be paid Mr. Wavell.

Order'd that Pago 1000 bee paid Mr Thomas Wavell Paymaster Generall, to defray the Charges Garrison & to advance two months pay to the new Souldiers that came on the Williamson.

Report of the weight of the Chest of Gold p the Williamson.

Mr John Littleton & Mr Nathaniell Higginson report, that the Gold in Chest No A by the Williamson did not hold out in weight so much as is Invoyced by

	dwt.	gr.
oz. 1	06	18.

Mr Rodrigues to bring the Invoyce of his Corall & Amber. To be considered of.

Order'd that Mr Bartholomew Rodrigues do bring the Invoyce of his Corall & Amber for the examining of their true weights & vallue & then to consider whether to take itt, for the Rt Honble Compas acct att the conditions mention'd in their Generall or no.

Elihu Yale.
John Gray.
J. Biggs.
John Littleton.
Tho: Wavell.
Nat: Higginson.
Will: Fraser.

John Stables Secry.

27. Skipper Thomas Ship for Acheen.

Ship Mamooder Skipper Thomas Master Sailed for Acheen.

Att a Consultation

Present

Thursday 28.

Elihu Yale Esqr President & Governour	
Mr John Gray	Sr John Biggs
Mr John Littleton	Mr Thomas Wavell
Mr Nath Higginson	Mr William Fraser.

President Gyfford brought in his Accompt of Cash, for part of the month of July which was read & past & paid the ballance being Pago 502: 04: 4 to the Honble Elihu Yale President.

President Gyffords Cash for part of July read & the ballance paid to President Yale.

Elihu Yale.
John Gray.
J. Biggs.
John Littleton.
Tho: Wavell.
Nat: Higginson.
Will: Fraser.

John Stables Secry.

———*FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1687.*——— [28TH.]

According to appointment the President Councill &c[a] this morning with a guard accompanied S[r] John Biggs to the Town Hall, where after the reading his Commission from the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] for the erecting a Court of Admiralty & being Judge Advocate thereof, he took the Oath for the due Administration of Justice, & discharge of his place, and made a Satisfactory & judicious declaration of the authority & constitution of that Court, & of the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] great & good designe therein, which was also approved & recommended by the President & Councill, and Proclamation made for all persons to apply themselves to him for Justice, & a Court to bee held on Friday next, M[r] Thomas Wavell & M[r] Nathaniell Higginson former Assistants to M[r]. Gray, were also appointed to his assistance, according to the tennour of the Commission. M[r] Edward Tredcroft was also sworn Register of the Court, the Keys of which with all Books & Records belonging thereto, order'd to be deliver'd to his charge, after which all returned to the Fort, when after congratulating the Judge Advocate to his place, the President & Councill deliver'd him, one of the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Seales, for the use of that Court, desiring his care thereof.

Sir John Biggs Commission read att the Townhall. He took the Oath for administration of Justice &c[a]. He makes a Satisfactory & Judicious declaration. Approved & recommended by the President & Councill. All persons to apply themselves to him for Justice. Mr Wavell & Mr Higginson to be his assistants. Edwd Tredcroft sworn Register of the Court. One of the Rt Honble Compas Seales delivered the Judge Advocate.

The form of the Oath given to the Judge Advocate.

Form of the Oath given to the Judge Advocate.

You do Swear that you will well duely & truly & indifferently Administer Justice, as well between our Sovereigne Lord the King of Great Brittain, & the people here, as between party & party, as well to the poor as rich, according to equity & good conscience, and as the nature & circumstances of the matter & place will admit, as near as may bee, according to the good establish'd Lawes of England, you will not destroy nor injure any in life, nor spare any for favour, affection or influence from any whomsoever, you will not take nor Suffer to bee taken for you, any bribe, whereby to pervert justice, but shall in all things do Strictly & uprightly, according to the best of your Skill & power, So help you God & the contents of this Book.

The forme of the Registers Oath.

Form of the Registers Oath.

You do Swear that you will well & truly execute the office of Register, of this Court for such time as you shall continue therein, you will truly & faithfully make entry of all Process, Rules, Orders & Judgm[ts] of this Court, & of all Bills & pleadings, that shall bee exhibited therein, & of all deeds or writings whatever, that shall bee brought to be enter'd or enrold here, you will not raze, entertain, or alter any of the Records of this Court, nor any writings whatsoever, which shall be in your custody, by virtue of your place, without the order of this Court, and in the presence of the Court, you will truly & faithfully make out coppies of all Process, Bills, Pleadings, Deeds & Writings, in your custody, as occation shall require, you will not imbezell or Suffer to be purloyned away to the utmost of your power any of the Records of this Court, or other writings whatever, which you shall receive into your custody as Register of this Court, you will not directly nor indirectly receive any bribe or reward to do contrary to any thing contained in this Oath So help you God & the contents of this Book.

This afternoon according to our yesterdays Summons to the Factory & all the free English Inhabitants, in Town, most of whom gave their attendance, att the Fort, the Flagg being advanced, & whole Garrison in Armes, the President,

Solemnity used att reading his Majesty's Proclamation.

[28th.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1687.*——

His Majtys Proclamation read att the Fort Gate. Read again att the Choultry Gate. Read also att the Sea Gate & lastly within the Fort. Acclamations of Loyalty Three Vollies & 31 Great Guns to his Majty health & happiness. 25 Great Guns to the prosperity of the Rt Honble Compa. President gives all thanks for their respects & assistance.

Councill &c[a] came to the Fort gate where his Majesties Royall Proclamation for the recalling of his Subjects, from the Service of forreign Princes was first read by the Register, with great respect & honour, from whence the old & new Presidents with the Councill &c[a] with all the Guard & Town Officer marched in order to the Choultry Citty Gate, where the Proclamation was again read, & thence marching by the middle gate, to the Sea gate, 'twas there also read, & lastly within the Fort, & there concluded with acclamations of Loyalty, after which the Souldiers were drawn round the Fort, firing three Vollies, with 31 peeces of Ordnance, to his Royall Majesty King James the Seconds health & happiness, & 25 to the prosperity of the Hon[ble] the Governour & the R[t] Hon[ble] East India Comp[a] afterwards the President giving all thanks for their respects & assistance in the Solemnity took leave & departed home.

Portugues Souldiers acquainted with the Sence of the Proclamation. Martiall Law to be executed.

The Portugues Souldiers also were acquainted with the Sence of the Proclamation & all advised, that as itt commanded all Souldiers to return to their Coulors, so itt caution'd them from running from ours, for that his Royall Majesty had given to his R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] his Royall Charter for Martiall Law, & that they had Strictly commanded its execution, which Should bee obeyed without mercy.

Proclamation to be enter'd in the Letter Book from England.

The Proclamation to bee enter'd in the Register of Letters from England.

28. Ship Mahmoode for Acheen.

Ship Mahmoode Maholo Nina Mercawn Sailed for Acheen.

Att a Consultation Extrao

Present

Elihu Yale Esq[r] President & Governour
M[r] John Gray — S[r] John Biggs
M[r] John Littleton — M[r] Thomas Wavell
M[r] Nath Higginson — M[r] William Fraser.

Friday 29.

News from Metchlepatam of the Mogulls progress &ca.

Having rec[d] late advices from M[r] Freeman &c[a] att Metchlepatam of the Mogulls progress & success in his Warr upon Gulcondah, & that Country, & that Condapilla Fort, the Second Strong Cattle [*sic*] in the Country was trecherously Surrender'd up to the Mogull by the Governour, & therein taken the greatest part of their Treasure, being the chiefest Magazine in the Country, They also advise us of the Severall Scatter'd parties of the Mogulls Army were robbing & plundering in the Country, within three dayes Journey of Metchlepatam, & the generall conclusion of all is, that he would bee Master of the Country, where in all reason wee can expect no less then trouble from him, which he has often threatned, besides our present declared warr with him, will hasten his revenge upon us, upon which consideration, our absolute necessity will bee, to Secure the Garrison as well as wee can, to lay in as much of all Sorts of provissions as can bee procured, which wee are greatly in want of att present, & therefore do agree & order, that the Royall James, be dispatcht to the Southward, with all possible expedition, & that she do carry to Conimeer, Coodaloor & Portonovo what goods & treasure shall be judg'd requisite for those places for the discharge of their debts & expences.

Reason to expect trouble from him. The Garrison to be secured as well as wee can. Royall James to he sent to the Southward for provissions. To carry Goods & Treasure to Conimeer, Coodaloor & Portonovo.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1687.*—— [29TH.]

Last years books to be carried on to the last of this month. The reasons for it. Coodaloor & Conimeer the same time. Metcblepatam &ca till leaveing the factorys.

Last years Books being by a former order still kept open, to adjust the Subordinate Factorys accompts with ours, 'tis now order'd that they be carried on to the last of July, that the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ may know the remaines of last Presidency, & what Stock this has to begin upon, & that all Stores & remains be exactly & punctually taken & examined & that Coodaloor & Conimeer Factorys ballance their Books att the Same time, & Metchlepatam, Madapollam & Pettepollee to conclude their books when they leave the place, & that a List of their remaines, Stores, Houseliouldstuff &^a^ with their true vallue be taken & brought us.

To be consider'd what goods to send to Coodaloor.

Order'd that the Second & Warehouskeeper do consider what goods are ready att Coodaloor, & what more fitting to bee sent.

Rt Honble Compa complain of the charge of two Tables. Not to be continued.

The R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ in their Generall having complained of their great charge in keeping two Tables, which was chiefly occationed by President Gyffords indisposition, the Fort being always unhealthfull to him, necessitated his living att the Garden, which he found to agree with him much better, & though the Councill do Suppose and beleive that the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ do still retain a good esteem & respect for him & his Services, yet in obedience to their Hon^rs^ orders wee cannot presume to continue that charge, & President Gyfford disireing to excuse his coming to the Fort, & to continue att the Garden during his short stay in India, 'tis thought fitt & order'd to bee allowed him Pag^o^ 25 p̃ month for his diett while here, with a Suitable number of Peons, & other Servants.

P 25 p̃ month for diet to bee allowed President Gyfford.

Disposall of the Shipping defer'd.

The disposall of our Shipping to the Bay & Priaman & other places were discourst of, as also the Factors, but the resolves thereon, is deferred till another time.

Peons form'd into three regular Companys. Commanders & most of the officers English Natives. Officers pay to have a small advance.

There being 280 Peons in pay for the Watch & Guard of the Suburbs, who in the disorder they are scatter'd about bee of little credit or force to the place, the Governour therefore form'd them into three regular Companies, each two divissions of Musquets, & one of Lances, their Commanders & most of the Officers English Natives of the Town, each Company to march under a Redd Beteelae Ensign, & each morning to mount their Guards in the City & from thence to bee devided & orderd to their Severall Posts, where they are to keep their Watch that. day & night, & to bee releived next day by a fresh company, & they to give their attendance att the Fort, & for the encouragment of the Officers tis order'd that thir pay have a Small advance, & that they exercise & drill the Peons twice a week, which will make them formidable & Servicable upon occation. The President also propos'd the calling the Portugues Inhabitants to armes, & that the Factors & Writers bee drawn up, into an Artillery company once a week, & that the Gentue & Moors Inhabitants do according to their abillity rais a Traindband of Peons, but this deferr'd to further consideration.

Proposition about the Portugues Factors, Writers, Gentues, & Moors but deferr'd.

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30. Danes Ship for Trincombar.

A Ship belonging to the Danes Sailed for Trincombar.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY ~ P^NO^.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR S^R^ JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR NATH HIGGINSON MR WILLIAM FRASER.

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1687.*——

Prize Ship Nugdee vallued. A tenth part to be brought to his Majesties accompt. Said ship to be fitted & proceed for the West Coast. Bricks aboard the Williamson to be traverst to her. Tyles &ca to be sent by her. List of what she wants to be given in & provided. List to be taken of her goods. Six Englishmen to examine and vallue them. A tenth to be brought to his Majestys acct.

The Ship Nugdee that was taken a prize by Ship Dragon, being now vallued att Pag° 975 as p̃ the underwritten valluation, Itt is order'd that a tenth thereof be brought to his Majesty the King of Englands acco^tt & that the Ship bee fitted & man'd on the R^t Honble Comp^as acc^t with all expedition, to proceed for the West Coast of Sumatra, with what assistance, Stores &c^a as can possibly bee Spared them, & that the Bricks aboard the Williamson, bee sent aboard her, & also Tyles, more Bricks, & Palmeras she can conveniently carry be provided for their building & that the Master Mr Walthrop give in a List of what she wants, & that to bee provided accordingly, Also order'd that there bee an exact List taken of her goods, & that Six Englishmen Viz^t Three of the R^t Honble Companys Servants Mr Littleton, Mr Fraser, Mr Cheney & three freemen Mr Stylman, Capt Wale & Mr Hiller, do examine & justly vallue them & that a tenth thereof bee duly brought to his Majesties accompt.

Portugues Ship with Paddy design'd to be sent out of the Road. Order'd to be brought ashoar [&] sold att market price. Law concerning Grain.

There being a Country Vessell in this Road laden with Grain, consign'd to Some Portugues Inhabitants of this Town, who for private intrest & advantage, are designing to Send her away to Some other Port, & there being great scarcity of Grain in Town, & also former order of Councill that none Should bee transported, Itt is agreed that they bee order'd & compel'd to bring itt ashoar, & sell itt publickly att the markett price, And wee do agree & hereby make a Law to be publisht in Town, That no person whatsoever within the limitts of this Government do transport from Land or this Road any Sort of Grain upon forfeiture of double the vallue of the Grain transported one half whereof to bee for the R^t Honble Comp^a one quarter for the poor & one quarter for the enformer.

P. 2000 to be Sent to Coodaloor for Paddy & P 300 for the Factory. P 200 to be sent to Conimeer.

Order'd that Pag° 2000 be Sent overland to Coodaloor for the provissio[n] of Paddy, against the Royall James arrivall there, & Pag° 300 for expen[ces] of the Factory, Also Pag° 200 be Sent overland to Conimeer Factory' f[or] it's expence.

Genlls to Conimeer & Coodaloor.

Generalls to Conimeer & to Coodaloor dated this day read and past, order'd to bee engrost & forwarded to each place.

P 200 to be sent to Coodaloor for Provissions. A youth to go on the Royall James to look after itt &ca.

Provissions being very Scarce & dear here, 'tis order'd that Pag° 200 [be] Sent to Coodaloor for provission thereof, & laden on the Royall James, some youth from hence, to go on said Ship to take charge thereof as al[so] of the Paddy &c^a.

The trade of Slaves growing great. Each Slave pay 1 Pago Custome & fanams 2 Registring

The trade of Slaves growing great from this Port, by reason of the great plenty of poor, by the Soar famine, & their cheapness, 'tis orde[r'd] for the future, that each Slave Sent off this Shoar, pay one Pag° Custom[e] to the R^t Honble Comp^a and that the Justices do receive no more for the usuall fee for Registring & Passport, then two fanams a head till t[he] Councill shall think fitt to alter itt as formerly.

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1687.*——

Pettepollee, Metchlepatam and Madapollam dissolv'd.

Having recall'd & dissolv'd Pettepollee Metchlepatam & Madapollam Factorys, by reason of the Warrs & troubles in those parts, & danger of the Mogulls forces, Surprizing the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ Servants & conc[ernes] in those Factorys, as also that our present Stock will have little occation for them, & so must prove unnecessary charges, nor can we w[ith] safety trade there, But the Chingee Country being yet free and m[ore] secure, wee think itt convenient & agree to continue the two Factor[ys] of Coodaloor & Conimeer, & recall Portonovo Factory to Coodaloor, the two being sufficient for the little business wee are likely to have this year; besides wee connot dissolve Coodaloor, they being before engaged in a new Investment.

The Chingee Country as yet more Secure.

Coodaloor & Conimeer to be continu'd. Reasons given for itt.

Letter to Triambock Bussora.

A Letter to Triamback Bussora from the President granting his request to bee permitted to Send his concernes to our Citty for Security, his Country being in Warrs with the Mogull & Masore Naige, read & past.

Generll to Metchlepa & Madapoll.

A Generall Letter to Metchlepatam & Madapollam, dated this day advising the arrivall of the Williamson, & to order the dissolution of those Factorys, & Suddain repair hither on the Loyall Adventure read & past.

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July the 30th, 1687 [*sic*]

[V]aluation of Ship Nugdee.

Having well viewed & overhaled what Stores belonging to the Ship Nugde, wee the Subscribers do upon those considerations vallue the Ship & Stores to bee att Nine hundred Seventy five Pagodas.

WILLIAM MILLER. JOHN STRANGWAYS.
THOMAS FLEMMING. JOHN NAYLOR.

[List] of Books &ca delivered by President Gyfford.

A List of Books & Papers belonging to the R^t^ Honble East India Comp^a^ delivered by William Gyfford Esqr to the Honble Elihu Yale Esqr now President &c^a^ Councill att Fort St George.

No. 1. Hodgee Sellim the King of Siam's Embassadors Bill for 725½ Tom^ds^.
2. Ditto's Bill for 200 Tom^ds^.
3. Ditto's Bill for 2520 Rupees.
4. Ditto's Bill for 630 Rupees.
5. A Bond from Mr Thomas Davis to the R^t^ Honble Company for t[he] appearance &c^a^.
6. Chinna Tomby's Bill & translate for Pag^o^ 500 there being P. 47 : 09 paid in part.
7. Jerra Chitty's Bond for Pag^o^ 1000.
8. Clement du Jardin & John Heathfields Bond for Pag^o^ 160 : 06 : 2.
9. Robert Richardson's Obligation for Pag^o^. 39 : 18.
10. Mungana Ellas Bill for Pag^o^. 30.
11. Capt Samuell Price his 3^d^ Bill of Exchange for Pag^o^ 300.
12. Capt Samuell Price his 3^d^ Bill of Exchange for Pag^o^ 100.
13. Padry Daniell Alldridge his Obligation.
14. Capt John Naylors acknowledgment for 200 Dollars on acco^tt^ of Pink John & Marys demorage.
15. Grua, Ancho, & Davaloo their Obligation to the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^.
16. Charles Stantons Obligation to stand to an Award of what shall hereafter bee laid to his charge.
17. Capt Naylors Obligation to stand to the President & Councills Award for damage in the loss of Pepper from the West Coast.

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18. John Gray's Bond for Pag° 3403 : 17 : 4 & Severall other paper[s] made over by writing herewith delivered for Security thereof.
19. Chinna Vencatadry & Comp^a their Obligation.
20. Pettepollee Merchants contract for a new Investment.
21. An Acc^t between the Honble Comp^a & Checca Serapa.
22. Serapa's Debts.
23. Agreement with the Princes of Priaman.
24. Agreement with the Princes of Ticon.
25. Phirmaunds obtained by Clement du Jardin att Indrapoora &c^a.
26. Acc^t of Debts & Obligations Standing out att Siam.
27. Pegu Merchants complaint with eleven Attestations concerning the Same.
28. Mr William Jearseys Obligation to the President & Councill of Fort St George, to stand to their Award.
29. Mr William Jearseys depositions.
30. Mr William Jearseys generall Release and Discharge to the R^t Honble East India Company.
31. Coppy of the President & Councills release in behalf of the R^t Honble Comp^a to Mr William Jearsey.
32. The R^t Honble Comp^as Award against Streynsham Master.
33. James Hawkes his Obligation to live as a freeman att Fort St George.
34. John Tyler's Obligation for the Same.
35. William Brooke's Obligation for the Same.
36. William Duckett's Obligation for the Same.
37. Acc^t of Goods p̄ Prize Sloop Mary Sold by the Admiralty.

More delivered all the Generall Letters, Charterparties, Lists &c^a Papers rec^d from the R^t Honble Comp^a by severall Ships, As also what Letters & papers rec^d from the Honble Private Committee, according to the List in said bundle, all the forementiond papers being rec^d in the late Presidents time from the 3^d July 1681 to the 21th July 1687.

More delivered Seven Consultation Books transacted att Fort St George, One Consultation Book transacted by the President, Agent & Councill in Bengall, & two Consultation Books by the Agent & Councill in Bengall, & Secret Councill att Fort St George their Consultation Book.

Four coppy Books of Letters rec^d from the R^t Honble Company.

Four coppy Books of Letters sent to the R^t Honble Company.

Seven coppy Books of Letters rec^d from the Subordinate Factorys

Seven coppy Books of Letters sent to the Subordinate Factorys also Diarys, Consultations, & Acc^t Cash in Single Sheets of paper rec^d from the Subordinate Factorys, with originall Letters from thence, & Gentue Letters from the Governours of the Country, all said Books & papers commencing the 3^d July 1681 to the 25th July 1687.

A Bagg of Mr Bridgers papers Sealed.

A Bundle of Attestations of the Inhabitants of this Town, concerning their loss att Bantam.

His late and present Majesties Charters to the R^t Honble Company.

A Cowle from Harja Raja for Coodaloor Portonovo and Conimeer.

Phirmaund & a Cowle granted by Sultan Abull Hossan King of Gulcondah.

Phirmaund Sent with a Horse & Vestment in Sr Wm Langhorn's time.

Receipt for Pag° 11000 & Cowle & agreement for P 1200 rent of Madras.

Receipt for Pag° 11000 paid to the Duan.

The King of Gulcondah's Phirmaund.

Letter from Gulcondah with an order to pay the rent of June 74–75.

Cowle granted by the King of Gulcondah.

Cowle ratified as new granted.

One Gold Cowle plated from Yencraputty Raywolly.

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1687.*——

One Gold Cowle plated from Damurla Yencraputty Naiudu.
One parcell con^{t} Cowle, Confirmation, Phirmaund and order.
Nekana Cawn's Cowle.
Mussa Cawn's Cowle.
Six Phirmaunds in a parcell.
No. 10 cont^{s} 19 papers Phirmaunds receipts &c^{a}.
No. 11 cont^{s} 6 Letters.
No. 12 cont^{s} 7 Letters of Attorney &c^{a}.

News from Pollicherry.

This day rec^{d} news from Pollicherry of the arrivall of a French Ship there from France, with a considerable Stock in Silver Corall & broad Cloth, & that Six Frenchmen of warr, were gone for Siam, with two Embassadors to that King, with Severall Presents & great numbers of men & amunition for the King of Siams Service, and that said Six Ships are order'd to come upon this Coast in December, & to be dispatched hence by the Directore &c^{a} att Pollicherry, if they meet no opposition from the Dutch, who our last advices from Batavia say, had provided a ffleet with four thousand men, to go against Siam, the event thereof yet unknown.

News concerning the Mogull.

The French Padre came to the President and acquainted him, that by Letters from Pollicherry he was advised that two of the Mogulls sons had rebelled against him, which much troubled him, & that he had sent Embassadors to the King of Gulcondah to treat of an accomodation.

P. 2300 Sent to Coodaloor.

A Generall Letter with Pag^{o} 2300 Sent overland to Coodaloor for provission of Grain to lade on the Royall James.

P. 200 Sent to Conimeer.

A Generall Letter with Pag^{o} 200 Sent overland to Conimeer, with Instructions about their business.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAO

Present

ELIHU YALE Esq^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR		WENSDAY 3
MR JOHN GRAY	S^{R} JOHN BIGGS	
MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR THOMAS WAVELL	
MR NATH. HIGGINSON	MR WILLIAM FRASER.	

Concerning the Warr with Siam.

What formerly order'd concerning itt.

In pursuance of the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} former orders about their Warr with the King of Siam, to get satisfaction for the wrongs & injuries done them by his Minister of State Constant Phaulkon Commissions were given out to Severall of our Ships for the Seizing of theirs, also two of our Frigats, the Curtana & James, under command of Capt Anthony Weltden, with 40 Souldiers well arm'd & equip'd, Commanded by Lieytenant Mason, were sent the 5th of June last directly to Tenasseree, with his Majesty of Englands Royall Proclamation for the recalling his Subjects from the Service of forreign Princes, with our Commission to Said Capt Weltden to publish the Same in Tenasseree, as also Severall Letters from the President & Councill to the King of Siam, to inform him of our agreivances from his Said Minister Phaulkon, which wee had often represented in Severall humble remonstrances, but were as often intercepted by him, And that there was no way left us, to make him sencible of our injuries but a Warr, which had no other end but to redress our wrongs, & should bee ended as Soon as the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} were righted; Letters, Declarations & Summons, were also sent to Mr Samuell White, Mr Burneby &c^{a} English to call them hither, according to the authority of Said Royall Proclamation, which if they disobey'd Capt Weltden was to Protest against them, in the Kings & his R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} names, & after that to commit all the hostillity he could, either by taking their Ships, or Seizing any thing on the place, & to bring all hither, with a just accompt thereof, by the first oppertunity of the Monsoons, which may bee the beginning of December next, and thus farr wee proceeded in the Siam affair.

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Concerning the Warr with Syam.

But his Gracious Majesty having been pleased to grant and issue forth another more ample Proclamation, for the recalling his Subjects, from the King of Siam's Service &c[a] Also his particular letter & command to M[r] Samuell White & M[r] Richard Burneby to return from that Service, or to Surrender the place to his Subjects, for the use of the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a]. But this Letter being unfortunatly carried in our Packett by the Bengall Merchant to Surat, from whence wee cannot expect itt, time enough to Send to Mergeu this Monsoon, or before Cap[t] W[e]ltden leaves that place, & having well perused & considered the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] orders to us in their Letters of the 22th October, & 10th Janu[ry] 1686 and weighed them with the present circumstances of our Bengall troubles & too great likelihood of a Warr with the Mogull here, as also that the French, have Sent Six men of Warr to Siam, with Souldiers Armes &c[a] for that Kings assistance & service, & that the French Ship lately arrived att Pollicherry from France, is suddenly design'd for Tenasseree; from whence having consider'd all conveniencies & inconveniencies, as well as time will permit, 'Tis agreed & resolved that the Pearle Frigat bee immediatly dispatch'd to Tenasseree with 19 Souldiers, And M[r] William Hodges to bee joyned in Commission with Cap[t] Anthony Weltden Commander of the Curtana, already there, & that they present & publish his Majesties Royall Proclamation to M[r] White M[r] Burneby & all the English on the place, And that a Generall bee wrot from the Governour &c[a] acquainting them with his Royall Majestys letter, of command to them, & to press them to obedience, & to Surrender the Forts of Tenasseree & Mergeu, to the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] for Satisfaction of the damages the King of Siam, & his Subjects has done them, as also to disappoint the Dutch & French, who will certainly take them if wee do not, And that the originall Generall Letter from the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] of the 10th January 1686 Signed by the Deputy Governour S[r] Benjamin Bathurst, be delivered to Said M[r] William Hodges, to shew to M[r] White & M[r] Burneby, if there bee occation, to confirm them of the truth of his Majesties Letter & command to them, as also the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] good instances & reasons for their compliance & obedience, & to assure them of his Majesties & the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] favourable acceptance thereof, & of our giving them employments here Suitable to their Qualifications. But if these offers are Slighted & his Majesties Letter & Proclamation bee disobey'd, then in the Kings name to pronounce them Rebells, And with the 60 Souldiers formerly & now sent them, besides the Seamen of the three ffrigats, with what English & other Forces they can get there, First to call a Councill of Warr, & if they think themselves able, & of Sufficient force, to attacque & maintain the place, to assault itt, & if they carry itt, to hoist his Majesties Flag, and posess, and Fortifie the place, with their Souldiers & Seamen, & as many Guns as they can spare from their Vessells, only sending us one ffrigat, as soon as possibly hither, with their advices & plunder, that we may send them recruits, But to bee very considerate in this affair, remembring the great supplies of ffrench, lately arrived att Siam, though wee are the more desirous now of having Mergeu, to prevent the Dutch & French therein, who will make itt of great prejudice to us and our trade.

A Frigat to be sent hither with advices.

Dollars 4000 to be laden on the Pearle Frigat. How to be disposed of.

Order'd that 4000 R[ll] ₰ bee sent on the Pearle ffrigat to Tenasseree to supply the occations of our people, if they settle there, or if they do not, then to buy Rice &c[a] provissions in the ajacent parts to lade the three Vessells hither, which will greatly alleviate their charge, as also Supply our necessities.

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JOHN STABLES Sec[ry].

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THURSDAY 4.

ATT A CONSULTATION FORENOON

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R
MR JOHN GRAY S^R JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR NATH HIGGINSON MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Concerning affairs in Bengall.

Having had no advices from Bengall Since the 28th ffebru^ry last of their proceedings & present state of the R^t Honble Comp^as great affairs there, only from the doubtfull reports, of the French, Dutch, & Portugues, that they are Settled on the Island of Ingerlee, that they have sackt & burnt Ballasore, & taken severall Moors Ships, which has so enraged the Government, that they appear more averse to an accommodation then ever, ffortifying att Hugly, Ballasore &c^a & bringing down considerable forces against ours, that our people have had a great mortallity, & in no good agreement & understanding among themselves, considering which, as also our own condition, & that wee have Spared them, what Forces we are able leaving our Garrison, but two Companies of Souldiers, whereof not above twenty English (excepting these 50 now arrived) & the Topasses but raw poor creatures, such as wee could pick up from all parts, all which are much too few for the Security of the place, as a Garrison ought to bee guarded in common times, & much more to dispute the Mogulls forces, who will trouble us as certain as he lives, & not to be diverted but by his death, so much & often has he declared his enmity & resolutions against us, which are Since heightned & exasperated by the agravated reports of our hostillity in the Bay, upon his Subjects. And the Warr being so resolutly maintained against us, by our Enemies in Bengall, there can little or no trade bee expected from them only what may bee under covert of other Nations, & that but very inconsiderable, all Europeans (especially our trecherous friends the Dutch who have been very advising & active in these mischiefs) will for their own ends and interest, rather obstruct then assist us, they also having had great supplies & little thereof imploy'd in trade, as first their remaines, next the Rochesters Cargo, then what sent hence by the Beaufort & Nathaniell, also by the Berkely Cattle [*sic*] &c^a from the West Coast, all which amounts to near £ [*Lacuna in the original*] and having often considered & debated the foregoing circumstances wee are now come to this resolution, And first that our weakness & necessity here, can spare them no more supplies of men, then allready sent, which are too many, considering our eminent occation & danger; But Ship Williamson being in a good condition, with a large, healthy, stout crew of Seamen, 'Tis order'd that she be forthwith dispatcht to the Bay, for their assistance & supply, as also the Resolution, if she arrives time enough, who may bee as much serviceable to them, as all the Souldiers they leave in our Garrison, By her wee agree to send them 60,000 Dollars with Stores, Armes & what necessary comforts wee can spare them, with orders to make what Investment they can, which if they can by no meanes effect, then to return us what they can well spare, in the beginning of December next, upon two or three fitting Ships, whose Charterparty time, are nearest expiration, & that they lade on them, what Saltpeetre they have or can procure, as also their remaines, and prize goods propper for Europe, & that one of them touch att Vizagapatam, to take in the goods they shall have provided there, another to call att Kisnapatam to bring away the Salt from thence, & two of these Ships to take in Some more bale goods here, if there shall bee occation, & proceed directly for Bencoolen, to compleat their ladings with Pepper for England, And that the other Ship, with the Dragon, expected from Persia, whose time will bee expired, bee if possibly laden & dispatcht from hence directly for England, & for the remaining Ships they must bee consider'd of in their due Season, & wee hope the Almighty will provide for them & us, And that a ffactor & two writers bee Sent for the Service of the Bay, And that the Lists of Bay goods, bee coppied & sent them; And that Mr Griffith bee dismist the R^t Honble Comp^as Service, & what elce order'd by the R^t Honble Comp^a encharged to them.

The condition of Fort St. George considered.

Great supplies to the Bay

No more supplies can be spared from hence.

A stout crew of Seamen in the Williamson.

To be dispatcht to the Bay.

Dollars 60000 to be Sent by her with Stores &ca.

Orders concerning said Dollrs.

To send what Saltpeetre they can also their remaines.

And Prize goods propper for Europe.

One ship to call att Kisnapatam.

Two ships to go to Bencoolen.

Dragon & another ship to go from hence to England.

A Factor & two writers to bee sent to the Bay.

Mr Griffith dismist the Rt Honble Compas Service

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Grain &c. to be Sent from the Bay as procurable. Two Ships to go from the Bay to Vizagapatam. To lade Grain att Pandemark.

Order'd also that they lade what grain &c[a] provissions they can procure from the Bay, & if possible to the filling up the three ships they shall send us, the famine being still very Severe here, & all sorts of grain & provissions, excessive Scarce and dear, But if their troubles & Warr prevent their provission thereof, then to dispatch two of the three Ships, as early as possibly to Vizagapatam, or rather Pundemarke, thirty Leagues to the Northward, that being the plentifullest Port for Grain, & wee shall order our Chief &c[a] there, to make provission for them, either for the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] acc[t] or upon freight.

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JOHN STABLES Sec[ry]

ATT A CONSULTATION AFTERNOON

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERN[R]
M[R] JOHN GRAY — S[R] JOHN BIGGS
M[R] JOHN LITTLETON — M[R] THOMAS WAVELL
M[R] NATH HIGGINSON — M[R] WILLIAM FRASER.

THURSDAY 4.

Mr Willcox recovered. Mr Willcox confirm'd Chief of Conimeer. Order'd to return to receive the Treasure & goods. To clear the Merchants accts. To prepare them for a new Investment. To observe the French proceedings.

M[r] John Willcox Chief of Conimeer having by permission been Some time here for the recovery of his health, which he is in Some measure blest with, the Councill sent for him & was acquainted with what the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] wrot concerning him in their Generall of the 22th of October 1686 confirming his Chiefship & approving his good Services, which he was order'd to continue, & improve all the ways he could study for the interest & advantage of our R[t] Hon[ble] Masters, & was also order'd to return as Soon as possibly to Conimeer ffactory, to bee in readiness to receive what Treasure & goods wee shall send them by the Royall James, & to make up their Merchants accompts, that wee may clear with them, also to prepare them for a new Investment for December next in such goods as the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] had order'd for this year, as p̄ their List sent them, also Strictly to observe the French their proceedings att Pollicherry, and constantly to advise us thereof.

Mr Jearsey acquainted with the Rt Honble Compas opinion of his accts. To answer Mr Johnson's demands in the Court of Admiralty.

M[r] William Jearsey was also sent for, & acquainted with the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] opinion of his accompts with them, also a coppy of his Letter to M[r] Johnson's Son, with notice that he must answer his demands in our Court of Admiralty, on which he gave us many discourses, but was referr'd to the Tryall.

Severall boxes of Corall & Amber brought by Mr Rodrigues. To be Shew'd the Corall Merchts. If no proffit to be returned.

M[r] Bartholomew Rodrigues according to the R[t] Hon[ble] Companys orders to us, & ours to him, brought Severall boxes of Corall, & two barrills of Amber with their Invoyces, which according to our desire hee left with us, promising him to return our answer in few days, whether wee would take itt, according to the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] agreement or return itt him, It's therefore order'd to be Shew'd the Corall Merchants, & if any proffitt can bee gained thereby to take itt for the Companys acc[t] otherwise to return itt Mr Rodrigues &c[a].

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Concerning renting St Thoma.

Chinna Vencatadry's Braminees being return'd from Conjeveron brought the Braminee Governours finall resolution about the renting St Thomá, which was, that he would lett itt to Chinna Vencatadry for three years, that is the Town, Customes & ajacent Townes & Paddy Grounds belonging thereto, att the rent of Pag^o 4000 p̃ Annum to bee paid att three payments, each four months one third part of the Rent, as accustomary in this Country, also to pay One Thousand Pagodas ready mony upon receipt of the Cowl from the Seer Lascar, as a Pishcash to the Braminee Governour for his kindness therein, & nothing to bee abated thereof, & if wee did not presently comply therewith, that he would conclude with, & lett itt to the Portugues, in consideration whereof, and the many prejudices itt may do this Citty, under those ill circumstances, wee are att present, & being enform'd by Chinna Vencatadry & others that the Town &c^a were last year lett att Pag^o 4100, & that the Crop & Revenues this year, rather promised Proffit then Loss, 'Tis agreed & order'd that Chinna Vencatadry do rent the Same, according to the foresaid termes, in his own name for the R^t Honble Comp^as acc^t but that he Still endeavour to lessen the Pishcash, as much as possibly, & not to exceed anything, if the Govern^rs should play their usuall tricks, as he has now done with the Portuguezes, who already has given him Pag^o 500, And that no Pishcash be given him, till the Seer Lascars Cowl, bee delivered us.

The tearmes offer'd att. Pishcash to be given. Iff not a present compliance to be lett to the Portugues. Lett last year for P. 4100. Chinna Vencatadry to rent St Thomá. To lessen the Pishcash. Portugues given P. 500. Till Cowl recd no Pishcash.

A Generall Letter to Mr John Davis Chief &c^a att Coodaloor dated this day, 'immediatly to dispatch away the Pearl Frigat read and past.

Generall to Coodaloor.

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Sr John Biggs delivers a paper of Memorandums of Ship Andaluzia which is enter'd in the coppy book of Letters rec^d from the R^t Honble Comp^a. 5.

Paper concerning Ship Andalusia.

Rec^d a Letter from Ahadadoo Cawn & Valledadoo Cawn to the President, congratulating his coming to the Governm^t &c^a.

Letter from Ahadadoo Cawn.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAO

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR — SATTURDAY 6.
MR JOHN GRAY — M^R
MR JOHN LITTLETON — MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR NATH HIGGINSON — MR WILLIAM FRASER.

The Warehouskeeper was again reminded to use all possible hast for the unlading the Williamson, & order'd to lade on the Royall James the following goods & treasure Viz^t.

Warehouskeeper reminded to unlade the Williamson. Goods to be laden on the Royall James.

For Coodaloor ffactory to pay off the R^t Honble Comp^as debts Viz^t.

For Coodaloor Factory

30 Chests Silver.
30 Bales broad cloth red, they having already many of green, the Merchants will not bee perswaded to take off any more.
5 Bales Cloth Rashes.

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4 Bales Perpetuanos.
½ Bale broad cloth fine.
4 Chests Corall Gregio.
4 Boxes Branch Corall.
50 Coils Cordage of Severall Sorts & Sizes.

For Conimeer Factory.

For Conimeer ffactory Viz[t].

20 Chests Silver.
25 Bales broad Cloth red, they having also much green by them.
4 Bales Cloth Rashes.
3 Bales Perpetuanos 3 Chests Corall Gregio.
2 Boxes branch Corall 2 bales broad Cloth fine and to bee laden on the Williamson the following goods & treasure Viz[t].

For Vizagapatam Factory.

For Vizagapatam Factory Viz[t].

5 Chests Silver.
2 half peeces Scarlett.
1 Bale Aurora.
2 Bales red.
1 Bale green.
50 Coils Cordage of Severall Sorts.
50 Piggs lead.

Factors provissions for each Factory.

and also that a Chest of wine & a barrill of Mum, bee Sent to each of the foregoing ffactorys, & they advised to husband itt well, & to buy or charge no more, to the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] acc[t] then what shall bee sent them from hence, having formerly too much exceeded therein.

For the Bay of Bengall.

For the Bay of Bengall Viz[t].

12 Chests Silver.
½ Bale broad Cloth fine.
1 Bale Aurora.
4 Bales red.
2 Bales green.
50 Barrills Gunpowder.
2 Mortars.
400 Shells.
1000 Shott.
200 Musketts.
1 Candy Match &c[a].
2 Chests wine & 2 Barrills Mum.

The Rt Honble Compas Servant's acquainted with their Settlemt. The Rt Honble Compas Servants acquainted with their orders. Encharged to a Strict discharge of their duties.

The R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] ffactors & Writers were sent for to the Councill & acquainted with our Settling them in their Severall employments, which was done with all due consideration to their Standings & understandings, & the President having discour[sed] them of what the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] orders that concern'd them, encharged to them a strict discharge of their duties, more especially those essentiall parts fidellity frugallity and dilligence, their Stations & employm[ts] as enter'd next after this Consultation.

Mr Davis designe of going for England.

M[r] John Davis Chief of Coodaloor, having in his Letter of date the 20th June last, advised us that he intended home, by the January Ships, or sooner if his business will permit, & oppertunity presented, and M[r] William Cawley having

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exhibited a charge against him, for Severall irregularities acted by him att Coodaloor, which was began & partly examined in President Gyffords time, but some disputes & troubles happening in that Government, 'twas then thought necessary to suspend the examination, till another oppertunity, & to send Mr Davis again thether, to accommodate those differences, which another less experienced therein, could not then so well do, but Mr Davis being now design'd home, 'tis requisite that charge bee throughly [*sic*] examined, & concluded by us, & also to provide that the Rt Honble Compas affairs there, bee not left in disorder, And Mr Nicks being appointed by the Rt Honble Company Chief of Madapollam, which Factory wee having thought fitt to withdraw att present from the troubles of the Mogull, and severall other reasons, 'tis agreed & order'd that the Said Mr John Nicks be Chief of Coodaloor, and that he go as soon thether as possibly he can, to take the charge of the Factory, from Mr Davis, and carry on the business, there, And if itt shall be thought convenient to resettle Madapollam Factory after ours and the Country troubles be over, that Said Mr Nicks have the liberty of removing to that Chiefship, according to the Rt Honble Compas orders; Mr Nicks was sent for to the Councill, and acquainted with their order about him, but hee desired to bee allow'd to consider of itt till next Consultation day, when he would bring his answer

A charge exhibited formerly against him by Mr. Cawley. Partly examin'd in President Gyfford's time. Reason for Suspending the examination.

To be throughly [*sic*] examined & concluded. That the Rt Honble Compas affairs may not be left in disorder. Mr Nicks to go Chief of Coodaloor. To take the charge of the Factory from Mr Davis. Mr Nicks to have liberty to remove to Madapollam. Mr Nicks acqnainted therewith. He desires to consider of itt till next Consultation day.

Elihu Yale.
John Gray.
J. Biggs.
John Littleton.
Tho: Wavell.
Nat: Higginson.
Will: Fraser.

John Stables Secry.

Settlement of the Rt Honble Compas Servants.

Settlement of the Rt Honble Compas Servants.

The honble Elihu Yale Esqr President & Governour.

Richd Farmer writer.

Mr John Gray Accomptant. } ... Assistants. { Henry Mose Merchant. Francis Bett John Butterfeild. } writers.

Att the Warehouse Vizt

Mr John Littleton. Mr William Fraser. } Warehouskeepers } Assistants. { Henry Alford Merchant. Edwd. Tredcroft Factor. Gabriell Roberts writer.

Att the Custome house Vizt

Mr Robert Freeman Sea Custome ... Giles Litcott Factor.

John Hill Searcher. } Assistants. { Francis Willcox. Samuell Owen } writers.

John Pitt Receiver ... Assistant ... Thomas Wright writer.

Mr Thomas Wavell Mintmaster & Storekeep. } Assistant ... { George Wingfeild writer.

Paymasters Office Vizt

Mr Nathaniell Higginson Paymaster. } Assistants. { Charles [Fost]er Thomas Jordan. } writers.

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Land Custome house Viz[t]

Mr William Fraser. { Land Customer & to receive the revenues. } Assistants. { Zouch Troughton. William Proby. } writers.

Secretarys Office Viz[t]

John Stables Secretary. } under him. { Edward Barron. Stephen Mabb. Samuell Gyfford Heighs Til[son.] } writers.

Att Conimeer Factory Viz[t]

Mr John Willcox Chief. Mr Rich[d] Brereton 2[d] Mr Simon Holcombe 3rd Mr John Devett 4th } Councill. { John Price. Edw[d] King. Sam[ll] Whitby. } writers.

Att Coodaloor Factory Viz[t]

Mr John Davis Chief. Mr Ralph Ingram 2[d] Mr Christop Willson 3[d] Mr Robert Cranwell 4th } Councill. { Grimstone Luckin. Vecessimus Griffith. } writers.

Att Vizagapatam Factory Viz[t]

Mr Richard Browne Chief. Mr Daniell Gyfford 2[d] Mr William Hall 3[d] Mr Charles ffleetwood 4th } Councill. { Francis Charleton. John Oneal. } writers.

Att a Consultation

Present

Elihu Yale Esq[r] President & Governour
Mr John Gray — Sr John Biggs
Mr John Littleton — Mr Thomas Wavell
Mr Nath Higginson — Mr William Fraser.

Munday 8.

Concerning the Settlement on the West Coast. Why not Settled att Priaman.

Having often considered & debated upon the R[t] Hon[ble] Companys Settlement & affairs on the West Coast of Sumatra, as also their Severall arguments & orders thereon, in their Generall to us, & more particularly upon that unhappy error, of not settling first att Priaman, according to our intention, & agreement with the Lords, and Governours of those parts, which Mr Ord &c[a] had sufficient orders for, & might have been well effected, notwithstanding the Dutch their presettlement, or the lateness of that Monsoon, had Cap[t] Francis Willshaw followed the orders given him by us & them, but his disputes & aversion to the voyage, when here, with an ambition of raising a fame to himself, by a new Settlement, as by his Letter of [*Lacuna in the original*] to Mr Benjamin Bloome, when att Bencoolen, where he threatens & declares no less, also Mr Ords letter to the President, complaining of the Same, & that by his perversness, they were necessitated to settle where they did, nor would he go hence without some liberty was given, (if they could not reach Priaman) to Settle elce where, to discharge his Ship of the numerous passengers, that disturb'd & pester'd him, which he alledg'd he had not sufficient water, nor accommodation for long, they also shaped the course of their voyage here, telling us they must of necessity make the North head of Sumatra, or 'twas not possible to fetch Priaman, which wee could not contradict, being

Forced by Capt. Willshaws perverseness to settle where they did.

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more their charge & profession then ours, though itt proved an unfortunate mistake, Thus much wee (then of Councill) write only to Satisfie our R^t Honble Masters of the truth of the action, & not to sully the memory or disturb the ashes of that worthy Commander; But the R^t Honble Comp^a have taken such care in their Charterparties, as will prevent the like mistakes for the future.

What before writ of the West Coast to Satisfie the Rt Honble Compa.

Our last advices from Bencoolen & Indrapoora, was [*sic.*] of Dece^r, February & June, p̄ the Royall James & Rose Frigat, when Mr Bloom writes us, that the R^t Honble Comp^as affairs go on more currantly, & have greater hopes of a prosperous Settlement then ever, by the favour & assistance of a powerfull King, called Jenapatwan, lately come from the inland parts thether, in kindness to our Settlem^t & revenge to the Dutch, who he Saies has greatly disobliged him, promising to Settle us well, & securely, in what port of the Island wee please, provided wee furnish him with Shipping for their transport & guard, they also write us of the dispatch of the Rainbow the 29th March last with a Cargo of Pepper for England, and that they have near 700 Bahar by them, & about 50000 Dollars, which they hoped to invest in Pepper, itt daily coming in by meanes of this new Kings great authority, But that the place was still extreamly unhealthy, having buried near [*Lacuna in the original*] out of [*Lacuna in the original*] brought thether by the Herbert, James & Berkeley Castle, & that there was none but himself alive of the Councill, & but [*Lacuna in the original*] Souldiers, & most of them sick & weak, & few or none left of the numerous company of black people & Artificers of all Sorts, carried with them, by the Resolution & Defence, & that they were in great want of Supplys & Assistants.

Advices from the West Coast. By the assistance of Jenapatwan affairs go on more currantly there.

Rainbow dispatcht thence for England the 29th March last.

[700] Bahar of Pepper and 50000 Dollars by them. Great morallity att Bencoolen among the Souldiers.

From Indrapoora they advise us, of a great mortallity among the rest Mr Potts & M^r duJardin, however that the place is much healthier, then Bencoolen, but all allow Priaman to exceed both for Scituation & trade, but that those parts afford more Pepper, that they greatly want accommodation for themselves, & goods to defend them from the danger of Enemies & weather, That the Dutch had landed a great number of Dutchmen, & Buggeses Souldiers there who threatned ruin to the Emperour, if our people were not turn'd off the place, but the luckey arrivall of the Royall James, dispersed them all; Mr Thomas Stubbs who was sent on Said Ship to Manduta, to provide pepper, where he procured no more, then Bahar 33½ with which they came hither, with their Indrapoora Stock, of 2 Chests of Silver, & 51 Bales of Cloth, the Ship having lost 70 of her men, & the rest arrived here, in a poor weak condition, They advise the Berkeley Castle was att Indrapoora, where they intended to keep her some time, for a guard Ship, but the Priaman Frigat arriving, wee suppose they dispatcht the Berkeley Castle, to the Bay as order'd, and though they write nothing of itt, Mr Stubbs tells us that they took out the greatest part of her Treasure, att Indrapoor[a,] though Mr Bloom att Bencoolen, had consign'd itt to the Bay, so that att both places, they have a considerable Stock for the provission of Pepper.

Mortallity att Indrapoora. Much healthier then Bencoolen. Priaman exceeds both. Want of accommodation att Indrapoora. Dutchmen and Buggeses Souldiers landed. Dispersed by the Royall James. What brought from Manduta on the Royall James. Berkeley Castle att Indrapoora. Priaman Frigat arriving Supposse she is gone to the Bay. Treasure taken out att Indrapoora. Considerable Stock at both places.

Upon consideration of the foregoing advices, as also of our present circumstances, both here & att the Bay, wee do agree & resolve as followeth Viz^t.

Consideration of the foregoing advices. Two Frigats to be dispatcht to the West Coast. What Cargo to be laden on them.

That the Nugdee the prize Ship taken by the Dragon now call'd the Success ffrigat, & the Madras ffrigat, be immediatly dispatcht to Bencoolen & Indrapoora, with a Stock of 48,000 R^lls ⅔ all the Surat black & white Baftaes, brought here by the Loyall Adventure from Mindanao the 51 Bales of black & white Long Cloth & Sallampores, by mistake return'd from Indrapoora & Manduta upon the Royall

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To be order'd to provide Pepper for two or three great Ships.

James, also what of the Surat prise goods are propper for those Marketts, & that with this & their former Stock, they bee order'd to provide all the pepper they possibly can, to be in readiness for the two or three great Ships wee shall send them in December or January next, which they must certainly expect, & therfore to use their utmost endeavours not to fail us therin. That on these two Ships bee also Sent them, all the Factors Writers or any other English, wee can encourage, perswade or press to go, by reason of their great want there, though we hope the supply on the Priaman Frigat stands good & well, also that one hundred Slaves bee sent them on both Ships they being by the famine, extreamly cheap, also many by us, & that as many handicrafts, & Peons do go, as wee can prevail with, & rather then fail, to give them more then ordinary encouragm^{t}. And that the two Vessells ladings bee compleated with bricks, tyles palmeiras, reepers, &c^{a} necessaries for building, the want of wch wee beleive has been the chief occation of their Sickness, that they have been often advised thereof, That also be Sent them what stores & provissions, wee can Spare or procure in the Short time of their Stay, itt being of absolute necessity, to hasten their dispatch, as well for the advantage of an early Monsoon, as that they may have sufficient time, for the provission of so great a quantity of Pepper, as our Ships will require, The warehouskeeper, Paymaster & Storekeeper, are therefore order'd to expedite all things in their charges, towards the dispatch of the Success & Madras ffrigats, for the West Coast of Sumatra. That Mr Bloom &c^{a} may have liberty to keep these two vessells, for their Service & Guard, or send them back to us laden with Pepper.

Factors &ca to be Sent on them.

100 slaves to be sont on dto. Also Handicrafts and Peons.

Bricks, Tyles &ca. to be sent.

Also stores and provisions. Necessity of hastening the said Frigats dispatch. Warehousekeeper, &ca. order'd to expedite all things.

Mr. Bloom &ca. to have liberty to keep said Two Frigats.

Orderd that the Present bee provided & Sent to the new Emperour Mr Bloom desires, Viz^{t} a Quittasol with Silver & a Diamond Ring.

Present to be provided for the West Coast.

Whereas Mr Benjamin Bloom advises from Bencoolen, that the great King lately come down thether, had order'd the coyning of Leaden Pettys to go amongst the English, & promises to call them in, when the English shall Send another Coyn thether, therefore to prevent itt growing to a Custome. 'Tis agreed & order'd (copper being very cheap now in Town) that four or five Candy be bought and coyned into Cash, of Twenty to a ffanam, which is Fifty to a Ryall, and four hundred to a Dollar, which may bee of great help to the Souldiers there, they having yet no Less pieces of Coyn of ours them[*sic*] Silver Ryalls, which occations provissions & other things to bee dearer to them, then otherwise 'twould bee, had they lesser Coyn, The Inscription thereon to be the R^{t} Honble Companys mark on the one Side, and on the reverse the English Company in Arrabeck Characters, and that there be as many made, as possible can bee, before the departure of the Ships for the West Coast.

Leaden Pettys coyned att Bencoolen. Copper Cash to be sent them. How much to be valued att.

May be of great help to the Souldiers. The Inscription on said Cash.

And that Mr James Johnson the Assay Master doe hasten the Stamps for Silver Coynes as formerly order'd him.

Mr. Johnston to hasten the Stamps for Silver coynes.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1687.*—— [8TH.]

Rec[d] a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 4th Instant acknowledging the receipt of P 2300 sent them overland the p[mo] Ins[t]. Generall from Coodaloor.

Ship Cesar Joseph Wale Master arrived from Trimlevas. Ship Cesar from Trimlevas.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRÃO

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR	PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR	TUESDAY 9.
MR JOHN GRAY	S[R] JOHN BIGGS	
MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR THOMAS WAVELL	
MR NATH HIGGINSON	MR WILLIAM FRASER.	

The Councill sent for most of the R[t] Honble Companys Servants that could bee spared, also some freemen, to discours and order their going to Sumatra, by the Success & Madras ffrigats, to whom was used all the arguments, & encouragments wee could think of Representing the necessity & danger, the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] affairs were under in those parts for want of assistants, to carry on a business which was of great import to them, & the Nation, and that their Covenants & duties, oblidge them to obedience, in what we judg'd necessary to order them, They were also promised a considerable encrease of their Sallarys, & that wee would provide them all convenient necessarys they could desire, And would send materialls & order the building commodious houses, fitting for Lodging & business, to Secure them from the heats & rains, the want whereof wee beleive, hath been the great occation of the loss of So many there, But all wee could say, could not prevail with any to go, upon these Ships, but M[r] Rich[d] Knipe who is particularly obliged thereto, by his Covenants, The rest makeing Severall evasive excuses for their going att present, but promise fairly for the future, But all in generall both Factors, Soldiers & Natives have a great aversion thereto, by reason of the unhealthiness of the place which from the many late bills of mortallity thence, deters them from adventuring their lives, And to force them, we have neither order nor inclination, since there can bee little good expected from compulsive Service if wee have not their hearts, their hands will be of little use, & wee are still in hopes to bee yet successfull with Some, before the departure of the Ships, But the following persons being recommended by the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] to Serve them att the West Coast, were more particularly discoursed thereon Viz[t].

Sundry persons discourst abont going to Sumatra. Arguments & encouragments used. Obliged by duty to obedience. Encrease of their sallary promised. None could be prevail'd with to go.

Mr. Knipe obliged by Covenants.

All persons averse to going.

No order nor inclination to force them to go.

Hopes to be successfull with some before the departure of the Ships. Persons recommended by the Rt. Honble Comp to go discourst

M[r] John Cheney late of this Councill, & of a long Standing and experience att Bantam, & the Pepper trade, & perfect in the Malay language, was much desired to go Dep[ty] Governour of the West Coast (M[r] Benjamin Bloom often desiring to return) and that he should have all the encouragment, wee could give him therein, as also the great Sallary appointed to that imploy, he being in our opinions the fittest person wee have to Send therein, But he gave us for answer, That the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] having entertain'd a displeasure against him, he knew not upon what occation, & doub[t]ed they would displace him thence too, & therefore desired to be excused going, till he heard their further pleasure concerning him, having sent them a full & just acc[t] of his voyage to Mindanao, which when they were satisfied in, he was ready to serve them, where they or we pleas[ed].

Mr. John Cheney discourst. His answer given thereto.

M[r] William Cawley also desired to bee excused going, now, by reason he had wrot for, & expected his wife by next Ships, & that his concerns was abroad on voyages, & little left to carry with him.

Mr. William Cawley discourst he excuses going.

And M[r] Moody requested our forbearance till next oppertunity for that upon his being order'd for Persia, upon Ship Dragon, he had carried all his concernes with him, but going aboard the prize Ship, (they had taken) they were by stress

Mr. Moody excuses going for the present.

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The Rt Honble Compa to be advised of the diffioulty to get any to go.

of weather parted from the Dragon, & forced hither, without so much as Cloths or necessarys, but that he would readily go, by the first oppertunity after the Dragons arrivall, which we every day expecting excuse him till then, But upon the whole matter we find 'twill bee very difficult to get any to go to the West Coast, from hence, att least not sufficient for the business there, and that the Rt Honble Compa bee advised thereof, as also to send servants directly from England thether, or under Covenants to go from hence.

To send supplies from England to the West Coast.

P 300 to be sont to Conimeer.

Orderd that Pago 300 be Sent by Mr John Willcox to Conimeer Factory, having run in debt Some months for their expences.

Mr Nicks accepts the Chiefship of Coodaloor.

His going thether not to deprive him of the Chiefship of Madapollã.

Mr John Nicks brought his answer to the Councill, that since wee thought fitt to appoint him the charge of Coodaloor Factory he Submitted thereto, and that itt should bee his greatest care, to mannage all things to the Rt Honble Company's advantage, & satisfaction, But desired that his going thether, might not deprive him of the Rt Honble Company's kindness, in ordering him Chief of Madapollam, which the Councill assured him, should bee att his choice, when wee resettled there.

Elihu Yale.
John Gray.
J. Biggs.
John Littleton.
Tho: Wavell.
Nat: Higginson.
Will: Fraser.

John Stables Secry.

9. Generall to Coodaloor.

Generall to Coodaloor dated this day approved and signed.

10. Two Generalls from Coodaloor.

Recd two Generalls from Coodaloor dated 6th and 7th Instant giving an acct of Timmagee Pontolo's Stoping their goods, & not permitting them to Ship them off.

Att a Consultation

Present

Elihu Yale Esqr	President & Governr
Mr John Gray	Sr John Biggs
Mr John Littleton	Mr Thomas Wavell
Mr Nath Higginson	Mr William Fraser

Thursday, 11.

Generall to Bengall,

A Generall to Bengall dated this day read & past, with what directions could bee given in the Rt Honble Compas affaires, having had no advices from them Since the 28th ffebruary.

Generall to Vizagapatam.

A Generall to Vizagapatam dated this day read & past with order to pay 2½ p̃ Cent Custome, outward & 2½ p̃ Cent Inward, with Instructions in their affaires, also Mr Daniell Gyfford & Mr William Hall Sent thether second and third of Councill.

Mr Higginsons report of 18 Ingotts of Gold.

Mr Higginson Mintmaster gave into Councill, the following report of the 18 Ingots of Gold delivered into the Mint vizt.

That of the 18 Ingots of Gold in Chest N°. A p̃ the Williamson, 11 Ingots Vizt N° 1. 2. 7. 8. 10. 11. 13. 15. 16. 17. 18. are found by the Braminee so eager (so mixed with Lead, Some with Tin, & some with brass) that they cannot make a certaine Assay of them, nor Coyne them, till they have fined them by burning, & that he acquainted Mr Johnson therewith, who upon viewing the Said Ingots, did undertake, to toughen them, by melting with Borax &ca ingredients, and Mr Johnson, being then in a probable way of recovery, Mr Higginson hop'd in a short time, he might have been able to attend the business att the Mint, but yesterday Mr Johnson relapsed into a Flux & Feaver, and declares, that he cannot give any directions for the toughning that Gold, unless himself were present, Itt is

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order'd that Mr Gray & Mr Fraser go to day to Mr Johnson, to advise what must bee done about the Gold, and according to his answer, and condition, either to wait longer for his recovery, or proceed upon coyning of the Gold by the Bramines.

Least the Madras Frigat should loos her voyage to the West Coast, 'tis order'd that she bee Sent for from Coodaloor, & be dispatcht togeather with the Success Frigat, & to lade Salt upon her.

Madras frigat to be sent for from Coodaloor to go to Sumatra.

The Corall Merchants having been often treated with, about the Corall beads & Amber, brought upon Ship Williamson, & consigned to Mr Rodrigues &c^{a} and not being able to bring them to any tearms of advantage upon itt, besides they required four months time for payment. The Councill considering the danger of trusting strangers these troublesome times for a very small advantage, thought itt better to return the Said Corall, and Amber to Mr Rodrigues &c^{a} which was accordingly order'd & done.

Corall Merchts treated with about Corall beads & Amber of Mr Rodrigues. No advantage to be made on itt. Consideration thereupon. Better to bee returned. Order'd and returned.

Order'd that Mr Thomas Wavell go aboard the Ships Royall James & Williamson, & muster their companys as usuall, and report itt to the Councill.

Mr Wavell to Muster two Ships Companys.

There being Some goods damaged aboard the Williamson, 'tis order'd that the Warehouskeeper and Assistants, do examine them well, whether occation'd by the Ship or otherwise, & give the Councill their opinions thereon, that the damage may bee charged accordingly:

Damaged goods p^{r} the Williamson to be examined. A report to be made to the Councill.

Capt John Wetwang acquainting the Councill, of his great want of money, to provide necessarys for his Ship, he desired we would furnish him, according to his agreement in Charterparty, which being to pay him 1500 R^{lls} $\frac{8}{8}$ payable by his Owners in England att $\frac{s}{6}$: $\frac{d}{6}$ p^{r} Dollar, the Warehouskeeper is accordingly order'd to pay him 1500 R^{lls} $\frac{8}{8}$ taking his receipt for them.

Capt Wetwang desires his Charterparty mony.

Order'd to be paid him.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
J^{o} : LITTLETON.
THO : WAVELL.
NAT : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

12. Genll to Coodaloor & Letter to Timmage Pontolo.

Generall to Coodaloor, & a Letter from the President to Timmage Pontolo, about his Stoping the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} goods, both dated this day approved and signed.

13. Generall to Trincombar.

A Generall to Wolf Hendrick Van Kalneyn Commissary and Governour of Trincombar dated this day read & approved, To recall severall English he keeps there by force, Also to demand satisfaction for the injuries done a Ship called the Callicut Merch^{t} which their Ships assaulted, and robb'd in her voyage to Persia, & by her long detention, lost her designed voyage.

Generall from Coodaloor.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 9th Instant advising that the Stop put upon their Shipping off their Bales by Timmage Pontolo, hinder'd their dispatch of the Pearle Frigat as order'd.

14. Capt Wetwang died.

This afternoon between two and three died Capt John Wetwang Commander of Ship Royall James.

[14th.]

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Letter from Mogulls Nabob & from Coje Abanus.

Rec[d] a Letter from the Mogulls Nabob to the President wherein he referrs to Cogee Avanees Letter, which gives an acc[t] of the delivery of the Presidents letter, & abstract of wrongs rec[d] in Bengall, to the Mogull, of the hopes there was of Satisfaction to bee made and an accommodation of the differences in the Bay.

Att a Consultation

Present

Elihu Yale Esq[R]	President & Gover[R]
M[R] John Gray	S[R] John Biggs
M[R] John Littleton	M[R] Thomas Wavell
M[R] Nath Higginson	M[R] William Fraser.

Munday 15.

Capt Wetwang buried. Capt Cook confirmed Comander. His majties Comission deliver'd him. Comission & dispatch deliver'd.

Capt John Wetwang deceasing yesterday was this day buried in his Fathers Tomb, & Cap[t] Richard Cook according to the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] orders, confirmed Commander of Ship Royall James, & his Maj[tys] Commission to Cap[t] Wetwang or succeeding Commander of Ship Royall James delivered him; Also the President & Councills Commission (enter'd next after this Consultation) & dispatch for his voyage to the Southward.

A Ship & Boat of Paddy come into the Road. Order'd to be brought ashoar & Sold att the publick Banksall.

A Ship & Boat of Paddy coming into this Road, which upon examination were found to belong to Some of the Citty Inhabitants who by the Laws of nature are oblig'd to support the place that protects them, in consideration whereof & the great necessity we are in, 'tis order'd that the Paddy bee brought ashoar, & that the Owners doe sell itt, att the markett price, att the publick Banksall, that the poor may partake thereof.

P. 16000 ready coyn'd in the Mint. Rt Honble Compas debts to be cleared.

The Mint Master advising that there was Pag[o] 10,000 ready coyned in the Mint, 'tis order'd that the Severall persons we are indebted to, upon the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] acc[t] bee Sent for tomorrow morning, to bring in their Bills, make up their Acco[tts] of Intrest thereon, & discharge their debts.

Capt Warners requests to Stay here being extreamly sick. Granted him to Stay.

Cap[t] Richard Warner being extreamly Sick & weak, sent a paper of request to the Councill (as enter'd after this Consultation) desiring wee would permitt his Stay here behind his Ship, he not being able to proceed the voyage, which is granted him, and we are sorry for the occation, beleiving the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] will Suddenly loos a faithfull, wise, and good Servant of him.

Elihu Yale.
John Gray.
J. Biggs.
John Littleton.
Tho : Wavell.
Nat : Higginson.
Will : Fraser.

John Stables Sec[ry].

15. Tho. Stubbs paper of the West Coast.

The President delivers a Paper of Thomas Stubbs, being a brief acc[t] of the West Coast, enter'd in the Letter book rec[d].

Coppy Capt Cooks Commission & Dispatch.

To Cap[t] Richard Cook
Com[dr] of Ship Royall James.

Your late Commander Cap[t] John Wetwang being deceased the Command & charge of his Ship Royall James devolves on yourself, by order of the R[t] Hon[ble] East India Comp[a] & her Owners, which wee hereby confirm, Ordring all persons whatsoever belonging to her, to obey you their Commander, & having order'd the Ship to the Southward to lade Grain for the Supply of the Garrison, which wee Suppose may bee att Carricall, wee would have you in your way to touch att Trincombar, & either your Self or Chief Officer, to goe ashoar, & deliver our Packet

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to the Honble Wollff Hendrick VonKalneyn Commissary Generall & Governour of the Fort of Trincombar, itt being according to his Majesties Royall Proclamation, herewith deliver'd you, to demand the Englishmen there, whom wee are informed he detaines by force, aboard their Ships, therefore in case of his refusing to deliver our men, that then you obey & pursue the Commission from the King of England directed to your Said Capt & his Successors, for examining & taking them from aboard their Ships, according to the import of that Commission, which wee herewith deliver you, Successor to Capt Wetwang, & that you pay all such just & reasonable debts as have been contracted by the Said Englishmen att Trincombar, which wee shall repay you, & you must also See, that their wages bee duly paid them, for their Service att Trincombar.

Wee also Commission you to take & Seize what Ships you meet with, belonging to the Mogull, or King of Siam, and to bring or Send them hither, in charge of such prudent persons (as you will bee accomptable for their just & civill deportment) with their entire Cargoes, to bee examined by the Court of Admiralty. Dated att Fort St George in the Citty of Madras the 15th day of Aug^st Anno 1687.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
NATH HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.

Fort S^t. George, Aug^st. 15th 1687. Coppy Capt Warners request.

To the Honble Elihu Yale Esqr
President &c^a Councill.

Since itt hath pleased God to vissitt me with a long & tedious Sickness, which hath render'd me altogeather incapable of Serving the R^t Honble Comp^a or performing any part of my charge aboard, this is humbly to request the favour of your Hon^r &c^a Councill, that I may remaine here on Shoar, for the recovery of my health, of which att present, (without Gods extraordinary blessing & assistance) I have little or no hopes. I remaine

Honble &c^a Your hon^rs &c^a most humble Servt
RICHARD WARNER.

This afternoon att two a Clock died Thomas Stubbs one of the R^t Honble Companies writers. 15. Thomas Stubbs died.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRÃO

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R	PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR	TUESDAY 16.
M^R	S^R JOHN BIGGS	
M^R	MR THOMAS WAVELL	
MR NATH HIGGINSON	MR WILLIAM FRASER.	

Mr Thomas Lucas late Warehouskeeper his Accompts of the Warehouse for the months of May, June & July read & past in presence of the late President. Warehous accts for May, June, July.

Mr John Nicks late Customer his Acc^t of Sea Custome &c^a for the month of July read & past in presence of the late President Viz^t. Customers accts for July.

Sea Custome	Pag^o	253 : 30 : 74
Anchoridge	„	50 : 18 : —
Register of Houses & Slaves	„	1 : 26 : —
	P	306 : 02 : 74

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Storekeepers accots for June.

Mr John Cheney Storekeeper his acct of Stores bought Sold & expended for the month of June read & past in presence of the late President.

Report of the Muster two Ships Company.

Mr Thomas Wavell reports the Muster of Ship Royall James men to bee 46 living 74 dead 41 run away, of Ship Williamsons to bee 105 living 1 dead 9 run away.

Mr. Moody to be Steward.

Order'd that Mr Ambross Moody do take the charge of Steward esteeming him a fitting person for that imploy.

Thomas Constable to go on the Royall James.

Order'd that Mr Thomas Constable go on the Royall James, to take care of what provissions &c^{a} shall be laden on her.

Postscripts to Bengall & Vizagapatam Letters.

Postscripts to the Generalls to Bengall & Vizagapatam (of the 11th Instant) dated this day read and past.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO : WAVELL.
NAT : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

17. Genlls to Coodaloor & Conimeer.

Gen^{lls} to Coodaloor & Conimeer dated this day read approved & sent wth Invoyces & Bills of Lading of what laden on the Royall James.

Ship Williamson dispatcht.

Ship Williamson's dispatch to Vizagapatam & Bengall dated this day approved, Signed & delivered.

Capt Richd Warner died.

This morning died Capt Richard Warner Com^{dr} of the Williamson.

Directions to Tho. Constable. P200 delivered him.

Directions to Mr Thomas Constable in his voyage on the Royall James approved signed & delivered to him with P 200 for buying of provissions for use of this Garrison.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R}	PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}
MR JOHN GRAY	S^{R} JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR NATH HIGGINSON	MR WILLIAM FRASER.

THURSDAY 18.

Consideration upon Mr Higginsons report.

Upon further consideration on the Mintmaster Mr Higginsons report, given in the 11th Instant, when Mr Gray & Mr Fraser were desired to discourse the Assay Master Mr Johnson, about toughning the eager Gold now in the Mint, who being still ill of his Flux, gave them a mixture of Powder, with advice to put itt into the Gold when melted in a good heat, which was the best way he knew to refine itt, and

The order there upon.

that no more time be lost in its Coynage, 'Tis order'd that Mr Gray, Mr Higginson & Mr Mose do this afternoon melt down two Ingots of Gold, & try this experiment, which if not effectuall, then to order the Minters to refine itt, there being little hopes of the Assay Masters suddain recovery.

Success frigat to be loaded. Souldiers to be Sent on her.

Order'd the Warehouskeeper to lade the Success Frigat for the West Coast, & that she bee well man'd & provissions put aboard sufficient for her voyage, & that 12 Souldiers be Sent aboard her.

Capt Richd Warner buried. Mr Stephen Ashby to Succeed Comm under. His Majtys Commission & our Order deliver'd him.

Capt Richard Warner deceasing yesterday was this day decently Interr'd, with all respects due to so worthy a Commander, & Mr Stephen Ashby the Chief Mate being to succeed in the comand of the Ship, by order of the R^{t} Honble Comp^{n} and his Majesties Commission with our Order thereupon (enter'd next after this Consultation) was delivered, & Mr William Fraser order'd to go aboard,

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to confirm him Commander, & that they pay him due obedience in all things relating to his Command, and their duty. Mr Fraser to go aboard to confirm him.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

To Capt Stephen Ashby
Comdr of Ship Williamson.

Your late Commander Capt Richard Warner, being deceased the command & charge of Ship Williamson, devolves on your Self, by order of the Rt Honble East India Compa & her Owners, which we hereby confirm, ordring all persons whatsoever, belonging to Said Ship to obey you their Commander, & that you immediatly prosecute, & proceed for the voyages your Ship is dispatcht upon, and that you obey & pursue his Majesty the King of Englands Commission herewith delivered you, directed to the Said Capt or his Successors in Ship Williamson for the time being, By authority whereof, we hereby order you, to take & Seize all Ships you meet with, belonging to our enemies the Mogull or King of Siam, & to carry them into the Bay of Bengall, to be examined & judged by the Court of Admiralty there, where upon your arrivall, you are to observe & follow the orders of the Rt Worpll the Agent & Councill, in the dispose of your Ship and men. Dated att Fort St George in the Citty of Madras the 17th of Augst 1687. Coppy Capt Ashby's order.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
NATH HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.

Ship Royall James sailed for the Southern Factorys. 18. Royall James to the Southward.

Capt Richard Warner having given his black Slave his freedome the following order was given to Capt Ashby Vizt. Capt Warner frees his Slave.

To Capt Stephen Ashby
Comdr of Ship Williamson. Order to Capt Ashby to clear him from the Ship.

Fort St. George, Augst. 18th. 1687.

Capt Richard Warner having by his Last Will & Testament given his black Slave Francis Carwar aged about 14 yeares, his freedome, you are therefore to dicharge him your Ship, & permit him to stay ashoar here, according to his late Captains desire & his Petition.

By order of the President & Councill.
JOHN STABLES Secry.

Recd a Generall from Conimeer dated the 16th Instant, advising that they had treated with their Merchants about a new Investment, but came to no agreement, recd also a List of Europe goods remaining in that Factory, and an accompt of what Spice procureable there, with the prises, which are extravagant. 18. Generall &ca from Conimeer.

This morning early the Williamson Sailed for Vizagapatam and Bengall. 19. Williamson Sailed for Vizagapatam & Bengall.

[21st]

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1687.*——

Pearl frigat from Coodaloor. Generall &ca from thence. Letter from Timmage Pontolo.

The Pearle Frigat Capt James Perriman Commander arrived from Coodaloor, & brought a Generall from thence, dated the 18th Instant with Invoyce & Bill of Lading for 249 bales on her Also a Letter to the President from Timmage Pontolo, advising the release of the goods upon his receipt of the Presidents Letter.

Ship Arrivall from Moco. Ill usage by two Danes Ships.

Ship Arrivall Richard Harbin Master, arrived from Moco, who gives an acct of the ill usage he recd from two Danes Ships, near Portonovo, which he is order'd to deliver in writing.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

Munday 22.

ELIHU YALE Esqr PRESIDENT & GOVERNr
MR SR
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR NATH HIGGINSON ME WILLIAM FRASER
MR GRAY & SR JOHN BIGGS *Sick*

Generall to Mr Nicks &ca.

Generall to Mr John Nicks Chief &ca Councill att Coodaloor dated this day read and past being directions about their managment of the Rt Honble Companys affairs in that Factory.

Cash acct for part of July.

The President read his Cash Book from the 25th July to the 31th dto which was past in Councill the ballance being ... ... Pago 2[]: []4: 4.

Mint acct for July.

Mr Nathaniell Higginson read his Accts of the Mint, for Mintage duties upon particular persons Gold coyned in the month of July Pago 16232½ att ½ p Cent ... ... Pago 81: 05: 3.

Pearl ffrigat to be unladen Coodaloor Goods to be examined. Also the Conimeer goods.

The Pearle Frigat Capt James Perriman Commander being arrived from Coodaloor with 241 Bales, the Warehouskeeper is order'd to take them ashoar with all expedition, to open & examine a Bale or two of each Sort, & give his, & assistants report of their Sortment to our Musters, which are the Same with theirs, also of their cureing, & packing, & that the Same be done, upon the Conimeer goods, before they be sent for England.

P 200 to be paid Mr Cheney. Goods to be laden on the Pearle ffrigat.

Order'd that Pago 200 bee paid Mr John Cheney Storekeeper to defray the charges of the Rt Honble Companas Sloops &ca.

Order'd that the following particulars be laden aboard the Pearle Frigt Viz 1 Bale broad cloth red ordry 1 Bale Perpetuanos red 2 Bales Long Cloth ordry No. 1. Ten Piggs Lead, & what Amunition convenient.

Officers fees att the Custome house Settled.

Warehousroom to be paid. Storekeepers fees order'd. Penalty upon those that take more, or wrong the Rt Honble Compa.

Taking into consideration the Setling of the ffees to the Officers of the Custome house, do for their encouragment order as follows, All entries above Two hundred Pagodas to pay to the Customer 5 fanams to the Searcher 4 & to the Receiver 3 fans, all entries under to pay the Customer 3 fans, the Sercher 2 & the Receiver 1 Fanm. All Bales to pay each half a fanam, p diem, and other goods half a fanam p Candy Warehousroom to the Rt Honble Company, and to the Storekeeper two fanams for each large parcell of goods and one fanam, a Small for his care thereof, during the time of their stay there, he being responsible for all goods put into the Storehouse, and that whosoever takes more then herein order'd or shall bee defective in his duty or wrong the Rt Honble Compa shall bee expel'd the Service.

Mr Harbin delivers in his complaint. The paper to be translated & sent to Trincombar. Letter to be Sent representing the injury.

Mr Richard Harbin Commander of Ship Arrivall belonging to Bengall, delivers in a complaint of the abuses & losses he Sustained by two Danes Ships near Portonovo, which being the third time of their affronts & unsufferable abuses, 'Tis order'd that said paper bee translated into Dutch, & sent to the Commissary att Trincombar with a Generall Letter to represent the injury and demand Satisfaction for the Same.

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Commission & Instructions to the Worp^ll William Hodges Esqr &c^a for their negotiation att Tenasseree dated this day read and past, coppy whereof is enter'd next after this Consultation. Commission & Instructions to Mr Hodges &ca.

ELIHU YALE.
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JOHN STABLES Sec^ry.

Rec^d a Letter from Capt Andrews being an acc^t of his proceedings att Mocho. 22. Letter from Capt Andrews.

Commission & Instructions to the Worp^ll William Hodges Esqr, Capt Anthony Weltden Mr John Hill & Capt James Perriman for their negotiation att Tenasseree. Coppy Commission & Instructions to Mr Hodges &ca.

Since our late Commission to Capt Anthony Weltden, bearing date the 31st May 1687 is arrived by Ship Williamson from England fresh & more possitive orders from the R^t Honble East India Comp^a for the prosecuting their Warr against the King of Siam & his Subjects, for wrongs & injuries done them by his Ministers, for which his Majesty the King of England has given them full power & authority, & they are resolved to take due satisfaction before they will recall their forces, or grant any tearmes of peace, His Majesty hath also issued forth, his Royall Proclamation for the recalling all his Subjects from the Service of forreign Princes & expressly from the King of Siams, & thô we hope all English in those parts have been So wise & Loyall, as already to have paid their obedience to his late Majesties Royall Proclamation for that purpose, Yet least some should be obstinate & rebellious, we have sent this Second Proclamation to command their repair hither, which you are to read & publish with the greatest Solemnity & honour you can, & after to Summon all the English in Mergen [*sic*] or Tenasseree and all other places within the Said Kings Dominions, or elcewhere particularly by name, & if they comply not therewith, then you are to Protest against them, in the name of his Royall Majesty King James the Second, & in behalf of his R^t Honble East India Company, and to declare & denounce them Rebellious Subjects, to their King & Country & that they are accountable to the penall Laws of England, when & wherever they shall bee taken under their Jurisdiction, & proceeded against accordingly, for their heinous contempt, And more expresly Mr Richard Burneby & Mr Samuell White Governours in those parts for the King of Siam, who having the dispose & command of many English, under them, may by their power & Interest perswade to good or ill, as themselves are inclin'd His Majesty the King of England was therefore pleased to Send his express commands to them, in his Letter, by Ship Bengall Merchant, which was dispatcht early from England, with Supplies for Bombay, & designed thence hither, But the Monsoons being farr Spent, wee cannot expect her this Season, nor our Packetts time enough to send to Tenasseree, Therefore to assure & confirm them in the truth of Said Letter, the President &c^a have wrote to Messrs Burneby and White thereon, But least they should question that too, we herewith deliver you coppy of the R^t Honble Comp^as Generall, of the 10th January also severall clauses of their Generall of the 22nd October, Attested by us, which if you find occation, you may Shew to Mr White & Mr Burneby, or to whom elce you think fitt, which wee hope will fully satisfie & confirm them of the truth, & reallity of his Majesties letter to them, as also of his & the R^t Honble Comp^as respects therein, & good opinion of them, & intentions to promote them in their Service, which you may assure them of, & that all others upon their arrivall here, shall have suitable employments to their capacities, which kindness wee hope will perswade them to their duty in Surrendring & securing Mergen, for the R^t Honble Companies posession, & the generall good of the English Nation, rather then lett itt fall into the hands of the French or Dutch, who (if wee have itt not) will bee certainly Masters of itt, & we ever excluded from all trade & benefitts, as also from the necessary conveniency of repairing & fitting our Ships

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there, which arguments pray press to Mr White & Mr Burneby &c[a] English, who if they have any sence of Loyalty to our King, love to our Country or hon[r] to themselves, will soon bee perswaded to their duty, in a Soon surrender, & maintenance of the place.

But if these our reasons, & kind offers are rejected & slighted by them, & that they disobey his Majesties Royall Letter & Proclamation, & oppose your posessing the place, then wee order you to call a Councill of Warr, of your Chief Officers & after a Serious debate and due consideration upon their Strength & condition, & your own force to assault & maintaine the place, to which if you find things agreable, & your Selves able, then to Attack & take the place, which done you must hoist his Majesty's Flag, & posess & fortifie with your Souldiers & Seamen, and as many Guns, as you can spare from your Vessells, only sending one Frigat as Soon as possibly hither, with your advices, prisoners & plunder, & by the first conveniency after their arrivall, we Shall send you what recruits of men, amunition, Stores &c[a] you desire & we can well Spare.

But we would have you very considerate in this affair, & as secure in the attempt as possibly, not forgetting the great supplys of French forces lately arrived att Siam, who may possibly bee sent to releive the place, & on the other hand we are now more desirous of having Mergen, then ever, to prevent the Dutch & French therein who may make itt of great prejudice to us and our trade. And that your designes may not fail for want of mony, we have laden aboard the Pearle Frigat, a Chest of Silver, containing four Thousand Dollars, amounting to Two Thousand Three hundred & Fifty three Pag[o] & if your occations require more draw on us, and wee shall duly pay your Bills, all which you must keep & render us a due acc[t] of, as also of the amunition, Stores & provission before & now Sent you, Our Garrison being att present but very Slenderly man'd & not knowing how Soon the troubles in this Country may reach us, wee can now Spare you no more then Nineteen Souldiers, which with those on the Curtana & James Frigats, make up a company of Sixty, which wee beleive are a much greater number & force then you will meet att Mergen, & sufficient to take and keep itt, But if you do not settle there, then wee order you to employ your Stock in buying there, or att the adjacent Ports, Sufficient grain & provissions to lade the three Frigats hither, which will bear much of their charge & supply the great necessities of this Garrison, & to fill up with what Timbers & Plank you can procure, being very plentifull in those parts, & what we much want here, but rather to load Pepper, which Sometimes is procurable in those parts.

And in your return hither (if itt may be done without much loss of time) wee would have you touch att Acheen, where possibly you may meet with, some of our Enemies the Mogull or King of Siam's Ships, which you must Seiz & bring hither, with their intire Cargoes, to bee examined & judged by the Court of Admiralty, Also that you Seiz on all Ships, & plunder all places of the King of Siams, att or near Mergen, also two good vessells near Tenasseree wrongfully taken from one Joseph de Marke (an eminent Armenian Inhabitant of this Citty) with a considerable estate, in his voyage from Pegu hither, before any warr was begun, or declared by us or them, & therefore was rather Piracy then a just Seizure, Also if you meet with a Ship called the George Cap[t] John Tyler Commander, to whom wee gave our Pass, but beleive he has abused itt, therefore Seiz & bring him & his Ship hither, to answer for his late trecherous illegall actions in this Road, and great contempt of the Government, also those Stragling Fugitives, that belonged to Cap[t] Eldred Commander of the Loyall Cap[t] Viz[t] John Faulkingham, Richard Atkins, Edward Cornmell & Wyman Clyff, who went hence, not only without our permission but against our order, whom make Strict inquisition for, & bring to us, or declare them Rebellious Subjects, & no doubt wee shall sometime find them to prosecute and punish their crime.

In the Said coppy of the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] generall of the 22th October 1686 you find severall orders to us, about the Siam affair, which we would have you peruse & consider well, Therein you see they incline to an accommodation of the Warr, with the King of Siam conditionally that he will make over the Port, Town and

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Country of Mergen to them, & their Successors for ever, to Fortifie build & enjoy peacably the benefitts thereof, according to a contract lately made with the King of Priaman, which wee also deliver you, & you may propose the business to Mr Burneby & Mr White, and they to offer itt to the King, with coppy of said contract in the Siam Language only varied to his case, which if he thinks fitt to consent thereto, then that the Said contract, be Signed & Sealed as usuall, & a formall delivery of the place made to you, which when you are posess't of & well setled in, then to cease all acts of hostillity on our parts, and to engage itt also for the Generall of Surat, who they may be assured will confirm itt upon our advice, You must be very prudent & considerate herein, first discoursing them indifferently about itt, & if you find they encline to. & there is a probabitty [*sic*] of itt, then to propose itt, otherwise not, for't would be a dishonour to the Rt Hon ble Comps to have their offers to bee Slighted or denied, & for your further directions in this affair, wee referr you to their Hons Said Letter, wherein they are very particular, & lay down all that can be propos'd by a Settlement there, excepting Pepper, which enquire Strictly about, we being informed there grows much wild in the Woods, & that the Country is as capable of producing itt, as Sumatra, if Soe 'twill bee a great inducement for a Settlement, either by agreement Surrender or force, thô we most incline to thô first, Since 'twill be more Secure, & free from future troubles, Besides those Customes must chiefly arise from goods that passes thence overland to Siam, which cannot be expected to be considerable whilst we are att variance, all which we mention for your better considerations.

And if you Settle any ways att Mergen, we then hereby order & appoint the Worpll William Hodges Esqr Governour, Mr Samuell White Depty Governr & Mr John Hill Captain of the Garrison & third of Councill, & in case of the decease, absence or refusall of the others, to Succeed to the Government, & to make choice of such persons upon the place, or belonging to the Ships, as shall bee thought faithfull, & fitting to supply the Councill for the time being and to prevent any dispntes or disorders in our Shipping, wee appoint Capt Weltden Admirall, Capt Perriman Vice Admirall, and Capt Armiger Gostlin Reer Admirall, in absence of our land Councill, who when aboard any of the Said Ships, are to take place, as Stated in the title of this Commission, only Capt Weltden to bee also of your land Councill, and to take place next the Depty Governour; And for your Government we order that itt be just and strict, executing Martiall Law in i'ts due methods, both aboard and ashoar, according to his Majesties Royall Charter granted to his Rt Hon ble East India Company of which we give you coppy for your better authority and direction, & Since that 'tis the inexcusable duty of Christians & the Success of all things Soly depend upon Providence, we Strictly recommend & require your due and daily Observance of Divine worship, imploreing the Almighties blessing upon your endeavours, and protection of your persons and affairs, And that your deportment and conversations, be So virtuous and exemplary as may wyn the Natives to a respectfull willing Submission and preserve order and amity among your Selves, whilst the Sad effects of vice and disorder, will bee little better, then distraction and ruine.

If the Generall &cs Send any Forces to those parts from Surat or Bombay, you must joyn with them, & unanimously endeavour the effecting the Rt Hon ble Comps orders and ours, for their honour and Interest, So recommending you & their affairs to the Almi[ghty's] protection & blessing, We Seal and date these Presents att Fort St George in the Citty of Madras the 22th day of August Anno Doñ 1687.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
NATH. HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.

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Genll to Conimeer & Letter to Timmage Pontolo.

Generall to Conimeer & a Letter from the President to Timmage Pontolo Avaldar of Coodaloor both dated this day approved and Signed.

Mr Nicks Sett out for Coodaloor.

This evening Mr John Nicks Sett out for Coodaloor to take the charge of the Chiefship of that Factory.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 25.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR SR
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR NATH HIGGINSON MR
MR GRAY, SR JOHN BIGGS, & MR FRASER *sick.*

P 1000 to be paid Mr Wavell. P 300 to be paid Mr Cheney.

Order'd that Pago 1000 be paid Mr Thomas Wavell to defray Charges Garrison &ca And Pago 300 to Mr Cheney to defray the charges of the Rt Honble Compas Sloops &ca.

Generalls read and past

Generalls to Coodaloor to Capt Cook & to the Commissary att Trincombar, representing the abuses & Losses Mr Harbin Sustained read & past.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

25. [Loyall Capt from Metchlepa. Persons arrived on her. Great mortallity att Metchlepa.

Ship Loyall Capt, Capt Francis Eldred Commander arrived from Metchlepatam, & on her Mr Wales, Mr Brereton Mr Paiva & their families all dangerously Sick, they give an acct of a great mortallity there Viz Mr Timothy Harris, Mr Charles Foster & Mr Nathaniell Letton The Dutch Chief & Lady & severall others of that Factory, and all the French att that place, And of the Ships compa many dead, & the rest weak.

Generall from Conimeer. Letter from Mr. Milton.

Recd a Generall from Conimeer dated the 22th Inst with a Letter from Mr Richard Milton accepting our offer of going to the West Coast.

26. Letter to Ebraim Beangue.

A Letter from the President to Ebraim Beaugue the Persian Embassador approved and Signed.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAO

Present

SATURDAY 27.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR SR
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR NATH HIGGINSON MR
MR GRAY, SR JOHN BIGGS & MR FRASER *sick.*

Genell to Mr Burneby & White. Perrle Frigats dispatch.

Generall to Mr Richard Burneby & Mr Samuell White att Tenasseree, (coppy whereof is enter'd next after this Consultation) & Pearle Frigats dispatch to Tenasseree both dated this day read & past.

Concerning Capt Eldreds returning & not going to the Bay.

The Loyall Capt, Capt Francis Eldred Commander being dispatcht with our advices & Stores for Bengall the 26th May last, with orders only to touch att Metchlepatam, to take in Some Lascars there, if procurable, but limited to a short time, Notwithstanding the great charge was given him, for his expedition for

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Bengall, is returned hither, with our Said expresses & Stores, which we doubt will bee of very ill consequence to our affaires in Bengall, therefore sending for him, to enquire the reasons of his returne, he produced two orders from Mr Freeman &c^{a} Councill for his taking in goods att Madapollam and return hither, & Mr Freeman not being yet arrived & having sent us n[o] reason for their so doing, Itt is agreed that our conclusion thereon be deferred till his arrivall upon the Loyall Adventure, which is daily expected, in the mean time i'ts order'd that the Warehouskeeper do order what goods she hath aboard to be brought ashoar, & also that the Stores &c^{a} upon her, be laden upon the Ship Arrivall Mr Richd Harbin Commander, now bound for Bengall, upon as easy freight as we can agree with him, & that the return'd Packet for Bengall, bee also sent p̃ Said Ship, And itt is also agreed & order'd that the Loya[ll] Capt be discharged the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Service, as Soon as she is unladen, her Charterparty time being expired the 11th of Octob^{r} next, whe[n] itt will be att his choice, to Stay or leave their Hon^{rs} Service, besides Said Ship can bee of no great Service to us in Bengall, having lost many of her men, & most of the rest Sick & weak, & will not answe[r] the charge of Three pounds fifteen Shillings a day.

Conclusion thereon to be deferr'd till the Loyall Adventure arrives.

Loyall Capts goods to be brought ashoar.

The Stores &c^{a} to be laden upon the Arrivall for Bengall.

The return'd Packet to be Sent by said Ship to the Bay.

Loyall Capt to be discharged as Soon as unladen.

The reasons for So doing.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO : WAVELL.
NAT : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

Ship Phenix William Miller Master Sailed for Acheen. 27. Ship Phenix Sailed for Acheen.

This afternoon att two a Clock died Mr Richard Brereton Factor. Mr Brereton died.

Fort S^{t}. George, 27th Augst 1687.

To Messrs Richard Burneby &
Samuell White

Coppy of a Letter to Mr Burneby and Mr White.

Our late advices by Capt Anthony Weltden of the 25th Aprill 1687 so fully enform'd & satisfied you of the occation of our Warr with the King of Siam, that we hope before this you have complied with his late Majesties command by Proclamation, in leaving that service, But if not, & that some ill Councill's or interest hath seduced & disswaded you from your duties & obedience, These are then to acquaint you, that his present Majesty King James the Second of England, hath so just a Sence of the many injuries & affronts done his R^{t} Honble East India Company by the King of Siams Ministers & Servants, whose interest & authority he is resolved to protect & defend from their Enemies, And therefore has not only approved, but commanded the prosecution of this Warr, and has also been gratiously pleased to issue forth his Royall & more ample Proclamation, for the recalling his Subjects in India from the Services of these Princes, & more expresly from the King of Siam, whom you lately served, And least his Royall Proclamation should not be prevalent with you, he has therefore sent you his particular Royall Letter of command for your returne from the King of Siams Service, to his R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} or that you will Surrender up the Town & forces of Mergen, into the posession of his Subjects, servants to the Said R^{t} Honble East India Comp^{a} which Royall command we cannot doubt your Loyalty to obey, which for your own honour & safeties, wee earnestly charge & advise you too, And thô his Majesties said Letter, is now unhappily absent, being sent from England in October last upon Ship Bengall Merchant, who in her way hither, was order'd first to go to

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Coppy of a Letter to Mr Burneby and Mr White.

Bombay, with supplies for that Garrison, but by contrary winds and a cal[m]y voyage was met att Johanna, in June last, So that we cannot expect her from Bombay this Season, nor our Packets time enough to be Sent you by this Monsoon, But we hope the disappointment & want thereof, will not bee an evasion for your obedience, Since upon our faiths & reputations what we write is really truth, And you cannot think the Rt Honble Compa or wee dare be So presumptuous as to equivocate with Royalty, which is a crime most remote from our thoughts or practice, And what wee averr as to the Kings express letter to you, a little time will satisfie you therein, And to confirme you for the present wee have Sent coppies of the Rt Honble Compas Generalls to us about itt.

And hope your Loyalty & love & duty to your Country will bee Sufficient subjects, to press you to a compliance, & a quiett surrender of Mergen, which being now under your Government, is in your power, & to do a Signall Service to his Majesty, his East India Compa & the Nation, which otherwise may cost us Some blood & trouble, which we desire to avoid, & nothing but a necessity shall force itt, which remember, as 'tis in your power to prevent itt, so consequently you are the occation, & itt will lye att your Doors & some time, will have a Severe Satisfaction on you, for know that disobedience to his Majesties Summons from any Princes Country att Warrs with him, is made Treason by Act of Parliamt therefore consider & resolve well, least you plunge your Selves into that heynous crime, this we chiefly write for caution, not that wee beleive your prudence & Loyalty can be guilty of So great a folly, or that you preferr a forreign Nation before your own, for certainly if we have not Mergen, the French or Dutch will be Suddainly Masters of itt, And wee hope the King of Siam will bee perswaded by you, freely to grant & give itt us, upon tearmes of peace, which wee have Commission'd the Worpll William Hodges Esqr &ca to discourse & advise with you about, & pray do your utmost therein, for your own honour, & the good of our Nation, His Majty and our Rt Honble Masters having so good an opinion & esteem for Mr Samuell White, that they expect & doubt not of this good Service from him, & have order'd us to appoint him Deputy Governr of Mergen for them, which we have accordingly Commission'd & desire his acceptance thereof for the present, assuring him of better for the future, we shall also consider Mr. Burneby to his Satisfaction, therefore pray unanimously joyn your Selves & people with ours, and be not the occation of a Civill warr, to the destruction of both, which the Almighty divert & keep you from, And then you may bee assured as we are we shall continue

Your faithfull loving
friends to Serve you
Elihu Yale.
John Gray.
John Biggs.
John Littleton.
Thomas Wavell.
Nath Higginson.
William Fraser.

28. Loyall Adventure arrived from Metchlepatam, Rt Honble Compas Servants on her. Great mortality in the Ship. Madras frigt & Genll from Coodaloor.

Ship Loyall Adventure Capt Robert Strangrome Commander arrived from Metchlepatam, & on her Mr Robert Freeman, Mr William Shales, Mr Samuell Swinnock, John Wright & Francis Bett, that there was dead of those belonging to the Ship Vizt Capt Goodlad, Chief Mate, Doctor & many Seamen, & those alive in a Sick and weak condition.

Genell from Coodaloor dated 25th Inst p Madras Frigat laden with wood.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR — MUNDAY. 29.
MR JOHN GRAY — SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON — MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL — MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Mr Freeman acquainted with his station. he thankfull accepts of itt.

MR Robert Freeman arriving yesterday on the Loyall Adventure from Metchlepatam, was called to Councill & acquainted with the Rt Honble Compas Commission, for his Settlement therein, which he thankfully accepted of, desiring his gratefull acknowledgments might be return'd for the favour.

Land Cnstomers accts for July.

MR John Gray Land Customer his Book of Accts for the month of July read and past as followeth.

Land Custome	Pago	53 : 10 : 84
Weighers duty	,,	1 : 05 : 85
Chowltry Customes	,,	40 : 30 : 48
Measurers duty	,,	135 : 10 : 46
Banksall	,,	— : 03 : 32
	P	230 : 25 : 91

Paymasters accts for July.

MR Thomas Wavell Paymaster his Book of Accotts for the month of July read and past as followeth.

Charges Garrison	Pago	963 : 20 : —
Charges Generall	,,	416 : 16 : —
Charges Diett	,,	305 : 17 : 76
Charges Cattle	,,	29 : 24 : —
Charges Merchandise	,,	59 : 17 : —
Acct Fortification & repairs ...	,,	367 : 13 : 50
Bengall expedition	,,	67 : 12 : —
Pettepollee Factory	,,	21 : — : —
Voyage to Persia	,,	16 : 24 : —
	P	2247 : 00 : [42]

Brown Allejaes & Romalls to be whitened.

Perusing the Metchlepatam Invoyce, p Ship Loyall Adventure, we find Six Bales brown Allejaes & three Bales brown Romalls which never haveing been sent before to England, nor there being no order now for sending them home, 'tis order'd they bee brought ashoar, & whitened, to be Sent by the Loyall Adventure, if possible, if not, by the next.

Mr Freeman to give reasons for the Loyall Capts returning.

MR Freeman was desired to give his reasons for ordering the Loyall Captain to return to this place, which he promises to do next Consultation day.

Pearl frigats dispatch for Mergen delivered.

Capt James Perriman Commander of the Pearle Frigat his Dispatch for Mergen was delivered to him, being dated 27th Instant, & was order'd to receive no Letters for Mergen or Siam, but those he first perused, to prevent any bad advices to the prejudice of our affaires.

The Capt to receive no Letters but what he peruses.

Capt Liev Bett presented a paper Signed by himself &ca Commission Officers,

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The poor condition of the Souldiers represented. To be considered next Consultation day.

representing the poor condition of the Souldiers of this Garrison arising from the Scarcity & dearness of provissions, which is so great that their present pay, cannot provide them Sufficient for themselves & families, which wee considering of, think itt reasonable & necessary that there be Some further allowance given them, but deferr itt to next Consultation day, in what method itt may best be done, so as the same may bee withdrawn, when wee shall see occation.

Wood p Madras frigat to be laid up for stores. Steward to give an acct of itt.

Order'd that the Wood brought upon the Madras Frigat from Coodaloor, upon the R^t Honble Comp^as acc^t be landed, and laid up in the Hogyard, and committed to the Steward, to bee kept for Stores, who is to give in a particular acc^t of the expence monthly.

Concerning Mr Miltons dismission & going to the West Coast.

Mr Richard Milton being Sent for, & acquainted with the R^t Honble Comp^as orders, concerning his dismission from their Service, & their Hon^rs favour, in admitting him to Serve them on the West Coast, he thankfully accepted of the Said favour, and was order'd to prepare to go by the Success Frigat he promising reformation for the future.

Concerning the condition of Ship Loyall Adventure.

Sound & well fitted for Europe.

Order'd to be laden in time.

Capt William Goodlad & his Chief Mate being deceased, the Second Mate Mr Robert Strangrome, Succeeds in the command of the Ship, according to the R^t Honble Comp^as orders, who was sent for, to know the condition of his Ship & Crew, wee hearing that he had lost many of his men & himself & others very ill, who acquainted us that his Ship is very sound & well fitted for a voyage to Europe, & doubted not in a months time the recovery of his men, but if he wanted any of his Charterparty complement, he would Supply Lascars for England, whereupon he was order'd to make the best provition he could, & that the Ship be laden within that time.

Loyall Adventure to be unladen. Saltpeetre to be laden aboard her.

The Warehouskeeper is order'd to take ashoar the Lead & Europe goods continued aboard the Loyall Adventure, & also what brought from the Northern Factorys & that 493 Bags Saltpeetre be sent aboard for Stifning the Ship.

A Ship of Paddy come into the Road. Designed to be carried away. Order'd to be landed & Sold here. Petitions to carry away 10 Gars. His request granted. Other Vessells brought in to be permitted to carry away ¾ part.

Quonde Chitty inhabitant of Ramapatam coming into this Road with a Ship of Paddy, which he designed to carry for his own place, he was order'd to land & sell his Paddy here, for releif of the poor, & he having landed & Sold two thirds of itt, & making lamentable Petitions that he may carry the remainder being about ten Garse, for the releife of his own family, itt is thought reasonable, that his request be granted, that others may not bee discouraged from coming to this Port, And that all Ships & Boats of Paddy or Rice, which in their passing by are brought into the Road, be permitted to carry away one third of their lading to the place for which they were designed.

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JOHN STABLES Sec^ry.

31. Pearl frigt Sailed for Tenasseree.

This morning early the Pearle Frigat Sailed hence for Tenasseree.

——*FORT St. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1687.*——

Att a Consultation

Present

Elihu Yale Esq[r]	President & Governour
M[r] John Gray	S[r] John Biggs
M[r] John Littleton	M[r] Robert Freeman
M[r] Thomas Wavell	M[r] Nath Higginson
M[r] William Fraser.	

Pmo, Thursday.

Order'd that Pag[o] 1000 be paid M[r] Nathaniell Higginson Paymaster Generall to defray Charges Garrison &c[a]. Also Pag[o] 300 to M[r] John Cheney for the fitting of the Success Frigat, & for wages &c[a] for her voyage to the West Coast.

P 1000 to be paid Mr Higginson. P 300 to be paid Mr Cheney.

M[r] John Hill being formerly appointed Searcher of the Custome house but now Sent upon the expedition to Tenasseree, 'tis order'd that M[r] Henry Alford do officiate in that place, till his return.

Mr Alford to officiate in Mr Hills place att the Custom house.

The President delivered M[r] John Gray now second & accomptant, the Generall Books E.E. fairly transcribed & ballanced to the end of May, but by order of Councill of the 29th July last, they are to be carried on to the last of July to take in & ajust the Subordinate Factorys acc[ts] & to know our remaines & the true Stock for this new Presidency, M[r] Henry Mose Francis Bett & John Butterfeild are appointed assistants to M[r] Gray & the President promises hi advices therein when desired.

Genll Books EE delivered to Mr John Gray now Second.

Assistants appointed him.

Order'd that the Englishmen belonging to the Dragon, that took and brought the prize Ship Nugdee hither, (now named Success Frigat) be paid their due wages, as also the Lascars formerly belonging to her, & served in the Ship, from the expiration of their Impress money paid att Surat, to the time of their discharge.

Men belonging to the prize Ship to be paid their wages.

Order'd that a List of the prized goods be brought to the Councill, to bee considered what thereof is fitt for Europe & the West Coast, & what only fitt for the market of this place, be Sold by the Warehouskeeper att the best rates he can.

List of the prize goods to be brought to the Councill to consider what fitt to send away & what for this markett.

Whereas M[r] Richard Harbin Master of Ship Arrivall design'd for Bengall, whereon wee order'd the goods of the Loyall Captain to bee laden, but now he having altered his voyage, 'tis thought fitt that those goods & Stores, be brought ashoar, & to be laden upon the first conveyance, that shall present thether, & those Packetts to be Sent overland.

Ship Arrivall's designe for Bengall altered. Goods & Stores to be brought ashoar. To be Sent p first conveyance. Packets to be sent over land.

The new come Souldiers having delivered in a Petition complaining their wages are insufficient for maintenance in this great famine, & having paid them two months Impress mony before hand which they say they have disposed in cloths, diett & necessarys, & that they have nothing thereof left, for their Subsistance, & that their Landlords deny them entertainment, in consideration whereof & that they have Served Six weeks of the two months Impress, 'tis agreed & order'd that three quarters of a months pay more be paid them to Supply their wants, & satisfie their Landlords for their Diett, which the Paymaster is order'd to take care of, that they do not mispend itt.

New Souldiers Petition. Consideration therenpon. Orderd to have three quarters of a month pay more advanced.

[P^mo]

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Addition supply to be given the Souldiers of this Garrison. Which gratuity to continue no longer then the great Scarcity.

Also in pursuance of our last Consultation about the Souldiers of the Garrison, & their great necessity by the continued famine & great dearness of provissions, 'tis order'd that an additionall Supply of Six fanams p̃ Mensem, be given to the Portugues batchelor Souldiers & to the married men 12. And that the English be allowed 9 fanams more then their usuall wages, the acc^tt thereof to bee kept apart, which gratuity is to continue no longer, then the present Scarcity last, & then to reduce itt to their former pay, which is also promised by the Souldiers.

Souldiers that went to Tenasseree their wives to receive their pay. Half their pay to be paid them monthly & no more.

Severall of the Souldiers that went on the Curtana & James Frig^t to Tenasseree, having left order with Capt Liev^t Bett, to pay their wages to their wives, 'tis order'd that half of their pay accordingly bee paid them, every month & no more, least their husbands should be paid & the mony lost, their poor wives not being able to make satisfaction for itt.

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JOHN STABLES Sec^ry.

P^mo Dutch come to congratulate the President.

Two of the Councill of Palliacat arrived here this morning from thence to congratulate the Presidents coming to the Government, who were civilly entertain'd att Dinner, & then took their leaves to return.

2. Ship Concord for Acheen & Queda.

Ship Concord Thomas de Acha Master Sailed for Acheen & Queda.

3. Two Genlls from Coodaloor. Silver disposed of att P. 5: f 19 p̃. Seer att Coodaloor.

Rec^d two Generalls from Coodaloor dated 30 past & p̃^mo Instant, the former giving an acc^t of Mr Davis his delivering the R^t Honble Comp^as concerns to M Nicks, of their prevailing with their Merchants to take the Silver att Pag^o 5: 19 p̃ Seer, & sending our Letter to Capt Cook, the latter adviseth their delivery of 22 Chests of Silver to their Merchants.

Two Letters from Mr. Davis.

Rec^d two Letters from Mr John Davis att Coodaloor dated 31th past and p̃^mo Instant, the first advises his resigning to Mr Nicks all the R^t Honble Comp^as concernes in his hands, & desiring that those late of his Councill may bee present att the decission of the matter, depending between him & Mr Cawley. The other advising that the Merchants att Trimlevas, had given under their hands, to make an Investment to the amount of Pag^o 30000 & to take Pag^o 10000 in Europe goods att the Same rates as att Coodaloor, & abate on their prises 6 p̃ Cent., which goods to be of what course Sort wee Shall require, to be delivered the 10th January next with 50 or 60 Candy of Round Pepper if wee advance Pag^o 20000 in ready money, upon signing & Sealing the contract, & that we may have a Settlement there, if wee Send & treat with Eccogee, with some Articles that have been proposed to them on that acc^t.

4. Ship Trevicoane for Acheen. Particular Letters from Bengall. Peace concluded there. The Coppy of the Artioles agreed upon.

Ship Trevicane John Kiddall Master, Sailed for Acheen & Pegu.

In particular Letters to the President from Capt Nicholson & Mr Trenchfeild from Hidgley in Bengall, they write that a peace is concluded with that Government, & their Fortifications att Ingerlee delivered up to the Moors, upon the following Articles, & that the Agent &c^a was gone to Hugly to ratifie the accomodation.

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The Remonstrance of Mr Job Charnock Agent of the English & Factor of the Compa is as followeth.

That for above 57 years we have had Factorys in Bengall, Orixa & Pattana, & according to the Phermaund of the King & Perwannaes of Severall Nabobs, especially of the former Governmt & this Nabob we paid 3000 Rupees yearly as Piscash, Since which in the time of Hodge Suffican, Duan of Dacca, the following oppressions have been done unto us. Wee desire you these oppressions be taken from us, And according to our former Custome we may with content continue our Merchandise, that as we come & go from a farr Country, under the protection of the King & Nabob, Wee are in hopes that in every thing wee Shall bee assisted. Coppy of the Articles of peace agreed upon in Bengall.

1. From the time we had our Factorys here according to the Phirmaund & severall Perwannaes of Nabobs, each year instead of Customes we paid 3000 Rupees yearly Piscash to the King, In Hodgee Suffican's time by oppression, We have paid Custome att the rate of 3½ p Cent. Wee now desire that this bee taken from us, and that the Nabob for removall of this oppression Petition the King for a Phirmaund Custome free, & that till the Phirmaund comes, wee pay but 3000 Rupees yearly as formerly, & that this oppression of Custome be not demanded.

2. Whereas the Mint att Rajamall is a great distance from Hugly, & the danger great, in carrying our Treasure thether, & bringing the Sicca's thence, which arrive not in time. We who are come from a farr Country, & live under the Protection of the King & Nabob att liberty, & trade freely, desire that the Mint be brought to Hugly as itt is att Surat.

3. That our Servants Gomastaes &ca who have any difference in accts with us, that itt bee agreed to, that such difference, be decided by Arbitrations of Merchants.

4. That all our goods by Land & water, from place to place, according to our former custome, may come & go on our own Dusticks, & that our Boats with goods, may not be Stopped on pretence of way charges, Wharfidge, or any other accts whatsoever.

5. That no Mutsuddy neither force nor impose any goods on or from us, att their own rates.

6. That our Gomastas in every place where they please shall bee assisted by the Mutsuddies for a place to put their goods in.

7. That the Picars att Cassimbuzar who have kept from us mony that they owed us, & notwithstanding that, have forced from us, 44000 Rupees, Wee desire that this bee examined by Merchants, & whatever is due to them we pay, & what they have unjustly taken from us, be returned.

8. That the Nabob issue out his Perwannaes, on all his Mutsuddies to assist us in recovering our Debts.

9. That our Factory of Malda which by the falce information of the Jemedar, that itt was a Fort, being pulled down, We desire that the thing may bee examined, & if itt appear to be a falce information, he may have order to rebuild itt, he having likewise taken mony from us.

10. That the 12000 Rupees forced from our Gomastas by Abdulgunny if prov'd to bee forc't to be return'd us.

11. That the 20000 Rupees delivered by Agent Hedges to Golbray bee deliver'd us.

12. Ulubarrea a Town to make a Factory, Wee desire we may have for us, with the Same priviledges as the Dutch have att Barnagur.

Translate of Abdelsumetts agreemt to our remonstrances. Abdel-sumetts agreement.

The Agreemt with the Agent Job Charnock is this

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[4TH] That whereas the Agent to Satisfie himself has presented Severall requests in 12 Articles, in a writing, for the confirmation of which, hee has demanded the Nabobs Perwanna, wherefore I make this agreem[t] or Cowl, that according to this agreement & your desire, I will procure the Nabobs Perwanna, in which you may rest your Self assured, and lett no other thought enter in your heart, but be Satisfied that you may for the future, continue your trade with the Same priviledges as formerly.

Our grant to Abdel Summett.

Job Charnock Esqr his grant to Abdelsummett.

I Agent Charnock do make this agreement, whereas for Severall oppressions which have been done us Since Hodgee Suffecan's time, & Severall Mutsuddies, I designed to withdraw our Factories from Bengall Pattana & Orissa, & return to our Country, in the interim Abdell Summett whom God preserve, came this way, I made known to him our oppressions, who gave us encouragment, for which I make this agreement, that I will return to our Factorys & trade as formerly, and the Ships and goods of Merch[ts] which remaine in our hands, I will deliver, when the Nabobs confirmation to these Articles arrives.

4. John Beavis died. This night att Nine a Clock died M[r] John Beavis Writer.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R]	PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MUNDAY 5. M[R] JOHN GRAY	S[R] JOHN BIGGS
M[R] JOHN LITTLETON	M[R] ROBERT FREEMAN
M[R] THOMAS WAVELL	M[R] NATH HIGGINSON
M[R] WILLIAM FRASER.	

Mr Littleton &cas opinion of the Coodaloor goods.

According to a late Generall order of Councill, to the Warehouskeeper to examine all goods brought hither from the Subordinate Factorys M[r] Littleton & assistants opened Seven Bales of the Coodaloor goods, (rec[d] by the Pearle Frigat) of Severall Sorts & numbers, comparing them with our musters (which are the Same with those att Coodaloor) declare in writing (as enter'd next after this Consultation) that 'tis very ill cloth, & Sorted much below the Musters to the R[t] Hon[ble] Companys great prejudice, upon consideration whereof, to remedy this, & to prevent the like for the future, 'tis order'd that M[r] William Hall & M[r] Sam[ll] Swynock be Sent to Coodaloor, to resort the Bales formerly made up, as also the remaining goods to come in there & att Portonovo, upon their last contract, Strictly observing the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] rules therein, for a just, & equall Sortment, & that they chop each peece, with their markes, & that the Chief &c[a] do give us a Suddain & due acc[t] of their proceedings therein.

Mr Hall & Mr Swynock order'd to go to Coodaloor. To resort all the Bales there. Orders to be given them. To send an acct of their proceedings.

Mr Davis desires Mr Ingram & Mr Willson may be here att the examination of Mr Cawley's charge. Order'd that Mr Ingram & Mr Willson come up with Mr Davis. Mr Hall & Mr Swynock to bee Second & third of Coodaloor. Mr Hall recommended by the Rt Honble Compa.

M[r] John Davis in his Letter of the 31th past, desiring that those of his Councill might be present here, att the examination of his charge against M[r] Cawley & M[r] Cawley's against him they being fully acquainted with those transactions, which being thought reasonable, and just on both Sides, to prove the truth of those matters, tis order'd that M[r] Ingram & M[r] Willson, do come hither with M[r] Davis, and that M[r] Hall and M[r] Swynock do supply their places of Second and third in Councill, till further order, M[r] Hall falling Sick of a feavor, upon the dispatch of the Williamson, could not proceed as appointed for Vizagapatam, & there being no oppertunity now, for his passage thether we make choice of him for this employment, he being particularly recommended for that Service by the R[t] Hon[ble]

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Compª in their generall letter of the 7th of Januaʳʸ 168$\frac{6}{7}$ & we doubt not will discharge his duty faithfully, as also Mʳ Swynock who has good experience in the business. Mr Swynock good experience in Sorting.

The Chief &ᶜᵃ to bee order'd to endeavour a freight of Paddy for the Royall James, & not to dispatch her hither, So Soon as they intended with their Bales, which are but few, & we having sufficient for the Loyall Adventures lading. To endeavour to get a freight of Paddy for the Royall James. Not to dispatch her as they intended.

Order'd that Pagº 1000 be Sent to Coodaloor Factory for their charges they advising their want thereof, having Sold & delivered their Silver to their Merchants, in discharge of the Rᵗ Honᵇˡᵉ Compᵃˢ debt to them upon last contracts. Also that Pagº 200 be paid Mʳ Thomas Wavell Storekeeper Generall, on accᵗ of Stores, provissions & wages for the Shipping, And Pagº 100 to Mʳ Cheney to finish his former business of the Rᵗ Honᵇˡᵉ Compᵃˢ Sloops &ᶜᵃ. P. 1000 to be Sent to Coodaloor. P. 200 to be paid Mr Wavell. P. 100 to be paid Mr Cheney.

Mʳ Samuell Wales late Chief of Madapollam, being Still weak, & not able to come to the Councill, 'tis agreed that the examination of Capᵗ Eldreds neglect, in not proceeding to Bengall, according to our order & dispatch, be deferr'd till he be well enough to answer for that action, the Loyall Capᵗ returning by their order. Mr Wales being Sick Examination of Capt Eldreds returning deferred.

Mʳ John Plummer lately one of the Chirurgeons of the Fort, leaving his employment, to be Chirurgeon of the Royall James, & itt being a very sickly time amongst us, & the Souldiers, 'tis order'd that Mʳ James Burley late Chirurgeon of Ship Rose, be taken into his place & pay, And that his Chest of Phisick, being examined & vallued by Doctʳ Heathfeild &ᶜᵃ att 50 Pagº be bought of him, there being no Medicines sent us by last Shipping, so that wee are in great want thereof. Mr Plummer Chirurgeon leaving his imployment, Mr James Burley entertain'd. His Chest of Phisick bought. Great want thereof.

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JOHN STABLES Secʳʸ. Fort St. George, 5th September 1687.

Wee the Subscribers (by the order of the President & Councill) were to examine the Coodaloor Factory goods, which we accordingly did the 3ᵈ Instant, & found them as followeth. Coppy of Mr Littleton &oa opinion concerning the Coodaloor goods.

Moorees No. 8 Severall peeces taken out, the major part of them found worse then Muster.

Long Cloth ordʳʸ Nº 1 not fitt to Send home.
Beteelaes Nº 25 of 40 covᵈˢ considerably worse then Muster.
Moorees Nº 11 much worse then Muster.
Ditto Nº 7 not so good as muster but nearer then any.
Beteelaes of 50 covᵈˢ Nº 28 much worse then muster.
Longcloth blew Nº D bad cloth & die so bad not fitt to Send home.

JOHN LITTLETON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
HENRY ALFORD.
EDWᴰ TREDCROFT.

Generall to Coodaloor dated this day approved & Signed. 6. Generally to Coodaloor.

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Samuell Willmot died. This afternoon att four a Clock died Mr Samll Willmott Chirurgeon.

Mr Hall & Mr Swynock Set out for Coodaloor wih P. 1000. Mr James Paiva died. This evening Mr Hall & Mr Swynock Sett out for Coodaloor, and with them the Generall dated yesterday, and Pago 1000.

This night att ten a clock died Mr James Paiva.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 8.

ELIHU YALE ESQR — PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY — SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON
MR THOMAS WAVELL — MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Generall to Bencoolen. Generall to Bencoolen on the West Coast of Sumatra dated this day read and past.

Merchts offer low for prize goods. Markets to be further tryed. Mr Littleton & Mr Fraser give in their report of the Merchants offers for the prized goods, but that they further try the marketts to get the most wee can for them.

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JOHN STABLES Secry.

Generall from Conimeer. Recd a Generall from Conimeer dated the 5th Instant giving an acct of the obstinacy of their Merchants, that the lowest price of round Pepper was 25 & 26 Pago p̃ Candy, and that their Generall Books should bee finished with all care and speed imaginable.

11. Arrivall sailed for Acheen. Ship Arrivall Richard Harbin Master Sailed for Acheen.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 12.

ELIHU YALE ESQR — PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY — SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON — MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL — MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Generall to Indrapoora, Lotter to Jeanapatwan. Generall to Indrapoora on the West Coast of Sumatra & to the great Emperour Jeneapatwan, att Bencoolen dated this day read & past.

Cash acct for Angst read. The President read his Cash Book for the month of August which was past in Councill the ballance being. .. Pago 2701 : 18 : 4.

Warehouskeeper reminded. The Warehouskeeper was minded to hasten the dispatch of the Loyall Adventure for England, & the Success & Madras Frigats for Sumatra, as also in unlading the Loyall Captain.

Generall to Bengall. Generall to Bengall dated this day read and past.

Mr Freeman to go to Palliacat. Order'd that Mr Freeman do go Some time this week to Palliacat, to See if he can perswade those English runawayes that are there, to come hither, promising them, they shall have a pardon for their offence.

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Some of the Williamsons men att Metchlepatam.
Mr Freeman to write a Letter to the Brauninee about them.

Twelve Englishmen that run away from the Williamson, with her Boat, we hear are att Metchlepatam, upon which itt is order'd that Mr Freeman do write to the Braminee that looks after the Factory, to Send Peons with them, & supply them with what necessary for their journey hither.

P. 2000 of Paddy contracted att Trimlevas for the Royall James. Merchts there desire our Settling.

A particular Letter recd from Mr Christopher Willson att Trimlevas advising that he had contracted for the Pago 2000 of Paddy for the Royall James, and that the Merchants, were very desirous of our Settlement there, which is left to further consideration.

P. 400 to be paid Mr Wavell.

Order'd that Pago 400 be paid Mr Thomas Wavell Storekeeper generall for the dispatch of the Madras Frigat to Sumatra for paying mens wages, & Supplying her with Stores & provissions.

Mr Unkettle great recommended by the Rt Honble Compa, Order'd to Succeed Mr Bloome. Mr Knipe & Milton to take place next those appointed by the Rt Honble Compa. Mr Knipe Petitions for his Sallary. Orderd to be paid him. Mr Milton to be paid Pago 4.

Mr Unkettle being greatly recommended by the Rt Honble Compa in their Generalls of the 22th October 1686 and 7th January following, for his great abillity, & a person fitt for Government, he is therefore order'd & appointed to Succeed Mr Benjamin Bloome (in case of his mortallity or removall) in the Government of York Fort att Bencoolen, & that Mr Richard Knipe & Mr Richard Milton bee of that Councill, taking place next to those, already appointed there, by the Rt Honble Compa & that Mr Knipe take his passage thither, on the Success Frigat, & Mr Milton on the Madras Frigat, & Mr Knipe having made his Petition, (as enter'd next after this Consultation) to receive his Sallary here, from his arrivall, Itt is thought reasonable to grant itt, for the Supplying his occations this voyage, as also Pago 4 to Mr Milton for his travelling charges from Conimeer hither.

James Harding arrived here under Suspeuation. Suspention continued by the late President & Councill. his doportment in Bengall. Complaint of him att Cassimbuzar. Consideration of his poverty &c. Offered to readmit him into the Rt Honble Compas Service, he rejects itt hut upon his own tearmes. Or desires to go for England. Granted him to goe.

Mr James Harding arriving here the 17th of Janry last past from Bengall, under the Agent & Councills Suspention, 'twas Some time after taken into consideration, by the late President & Councill, and then concluded as p their Consultation of the 27th of Januay last that the Suspention Should continue, till such time as they could bee rightly informed of the charge against him, which arriving but lately wee have perused, & find that during his whole continuance in the Bay, he has deported himself very disrespectfully to his Superiors, letigiously to his equalls, & imperiously to his inferiors, as by their complaint att Cassimbuzar, of the whole Factory, of 27th Augst 168[ ]. Notwithstanding which in consideration of his poverty and long standing in India, we have offered to readmit him into the Rt Honble Compas Service & give him Such imployment, as should be Suitable to his Station and capacity, all which he rejected, & would bring us to his capitulation & tearmes, as also that we must engage, & Secure him from the Rt Honble Compas future displeasure, for his former troublesome miscarriages, or to permit him to go home for England, the first of which being out of our power, we could not deny

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Secretary to give the Capt an order to receive him.

him the latter, and the Secretary is order'd to give Capt Robert Strangrome Commander of the Loyall Adventure, an order to receive him as a Passenger for England, on the Rt Honble Compas acct with his necessarys.

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To the honble Elihu Yale Esqr
President & Governr of Fort St George &ca Councill.

Coppy of Richd Knipe's Petition.

The humble Petition of Richard Knipe
Humbly sheweth

That whereas your Petitioner having contracted with the Rt Honble East India Compa for to Serve them as a Factor, att the Sallary of Thirty pounds p Anñ to commence from the time of my arrivall on the West Coast of Sumatra, (as p Indentures) yet in consideration of my long stay here, there having been no oppertunity of going where order'd & having ever Since my first arrivall here been ready & willing to Serve my Rt Honble Masters to my utmost, & having now by your Honrs &ca orders a convenience of going to the West Coast & wanting Severall necessaries of my voyage, humble desires your Honr &cn would please to allow me my Sallary, ever Since my first arrivall here, which was on the 10th day of Aprill, last past, hoping that my Rt Honble Masters will not disapprove thereof, but in case they should your Petitionr shall & will bee willing to refund, but humbly desire your Honr &ca will please to write to my Rt Honble Masters in my behalf.

13. And your Petitionr (as in duty bound) shall ever pray.

Pattamar dispatcht to Bengall.

Dispatcht a Pattamar to Bengall with the Packett returned p Loyall Capt Generall intended to be Sent p Ship Arrivall, and Generall dated 12th Instant.

ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY 15.

Present

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MR JOHN GRAY	SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL	MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.	

Nabob & Coge Abanus lettrs perused.

Having perused the Letter recd from the Mogulls Nabob Mahabat Cawn, as also that from Coje Abanus, wherein they promise us a friendly mediation with the Mogull, for accommodating our Warrs, & differences in Bengall, & to restore us our former priviledges, & make restitution of what ever has been taken from us, by the exactions of that Government, for which they also give us great hopes of procuring the Mogulls Phirmaund to confirm those priviledges, & prevent the like abuses for the future, by Sending Coppies thereof & proclaming them in all those Governments, where wee are Settled, and that two considerable persons of his Court, Shall bee appointed for that purpose, in consideration whereof, and the present circumstances of Bengall, that they have made peace, & their forces reported to be So few, & weak, that were not able to continue the Warr much longer, as also our own danger, of the Mogulls sending forces hither, 'tis thought

Consideration thereupon.

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fitt, that we promote our mediation & correspondance with the Nabob, to procure those priviledges the R^t Honble Comp^a require, & a Letter from the President to Said Coje Abanus concerning itt was read and past. To promote our mediation & correspondance with the Nabob. Letter to Coje Abanus read.

Mr John Thomas having made his Petition to go home to England upon the first Ship, & being no ways Servicable to the R^t Honble Comp^a by reason of his indisposition, & frequent distraction, Itt is order'd that he take his passage on the Loyall Adventure, & that Such necessarys be allowed him, as shall be convenient for his poor condition. Mr John Thomas Petitions to go for England To take his passage on the Loyall Adventure. Necessarys to be allowed him.

Mr Thomas Davis having made his request, to go for England, on the Loyall Adventure, which the Councill taking into consideration, as also that we have had no answer, of what wrot about him to Bengall, and they now having made a peace with the Government, wee know not, but that his Debts may bee demanded of the R^t Honble Comp^a, Itt is therefore agreed and order'd that he do continue in this place, till we shall receive their advices concerning him. Mr Thomas Davis requests to go for England. Taking into consideration To continue here till we hear from Bengall.

Order'd that the Peons, which were taken into Service in President Gyfford's time, be continued, till we receive a Supply from Bengall, by our Souldiers return from thence, or our threatned troubles cease. Peons to be continued in Service.

William Rider being taken from aboard the Madras Frigat, to assist the Gunner, in mounting the Guns upon the Bulwork, Itt is order'd that his wages be paid him for that Service Pag^o 16 and that he returne to his employ aboard the Said ffrigat now going for Sumatra. William Rider to be paid.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R. FFREEMAN.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Sec^ry.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRÃO

Present

TUESDAY 16.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY S^R JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON M^R
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

The Land Customer Mr William Fraser his Book of Accompts for the month of August read & past as followeth. Land Customers accts for August.

Land Custome	P	51 : 11 : 43
Petty land or Choultry Customes	„	30 : 16 : 37
Weighers duty	„	1 : 08 : 82
Measurers duty	„	125 : 12 : 34
	P	208 : 13 : 32

[16TH.]

——FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1687.——

Madapollam goods reported to be damaged. Warehouskeeper to examine them. Damag'd to be taken out the rest reladed. Damaged goods to be cured.

The Madapollam Goods brought hither by the Loyall Adventure being reported by Mr Freeman to be damaged, & the Captain refusing to sign Bills of Lading for them att Madapollam, the Warehouskeeper is order'd to take them ashoar, & examine them, taking out what goods are damaged, & relade the rest, giving the Bookkeeper an acct thereof, & if the damaged goods can be cured before the dispatch of the Ship, that they be also sent by her, otherwise by the next conveyance.

An insufficient Cowl for St. Thomá brought by Chinna Vencatadry. Said Cowl to bee returned. What Cowl to bee procured. Or elce to bee deferred.

Chinna Vencatadry having this day brought us a Cowle from Madna Anta Pontolo, Governour of this Country, which being insufficient, as to the tearm of time, mentioning only one year, & exceeding our Piscash, Pago 500, after a long debate, itt is agreed, that the Said Cowl, be returned to Madna Anta Pontolo, & if itt cannot bee procured, for five or att least three years, att Pago 4000 p Añ rent, & Pago 1000 Piscash, according to our former Consultation of the 4th last month, that itt then be deferred, till a better oppertunity, when wee may have a Secure good Cowl for our mony, whereas the troubles & uncertainty of the present Governmt makes itt doubtfull.

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WILL : FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Secry

16. Genll &ca from Coodaloor.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 12th Instant with a Letter to the President, from Harja Maha Raja, & another from Timmage Pontolo, Coodaloor Soobidar.

18. Mr William Shales died.

This morning att 4 a Clock died Mr William Shales Factor.

Genll &ca. from Conimeer.

Recd a Generall from Conimeer, dated the 16th Instant with Samll Whitby's Petition to go to the West Coast.

19. News from Callicut of the Bengall Mercht being there. Bengall Mercht Sailed from Callicut for Bombay. Sloop Sophia from Metchlepa.

In a particular Letter from Mr Mitchell Chief of Callicut to the President, he advises that the Bengall Mercht, Capt Pierce Comander arrived there from England, the 14th of last month, and Sailed thence the 18th ditto for Bombay.

Sloop Sophia John Downing Master, arrived from Metchlepatam and on her four of the twelve English men, that run away from the Williamson, three others dying in their voyage hither, and five gone from thence they knew not where.

English runaways brought on her.

MUNDAY 19.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

[19TH.]

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1687.*——

Samll Whitbys Petition to go to the West Coast granted.

Receiving a Generall yesterday from Conimeer with a Petition fro[m] Samuell Whitby, to go to the West Coast which is granted, and that [a] Letter be writt for his repair hither, to go upon these Ships.

Two Letters to the Mogulls Nabob.

Letter from the President to Mahobat Cawn the Mogulls Nabob dated this day read and past, as also another to ditto dated the 20th.

English men from Metchlepa to be Sent aboard the Loyall Adventure.

Seven of the twelve English men, formerly run away from th[e] Williamson, being brought upon the Sloop Sophia, from Metchlepatam, three of which dying in the voyage hither, the other four a[re] order'd to be Sent aboard the Loyall Adventure, the better to enable h[er] voyage to England.

Señor Manuche delivers an acct of charges att the Mogulls Camp. Also the Cost of Some Oyles Order'd both to bee paid.

Señor Manuche Inhabitant of this place, who the late Pre[si]dent, & Council imployed in forwarding our Letters to the Mog[ulls] and Nabob, an accompt of which charge for five of his Servan[ts] as also Some Oyle of Cloves, Cinamon & Mace, for a Present [to] the Mogull, amounting to Pag° 90 : 34 : 0 Itt is order'd to be paid him, with thanks for his trouble.

Souldiers for the West Coast to have 3 months Impress. Capt to take care of them & of the Slaves.

Order'd that the 20 Souldiers appointed to the West Coast do receive three months Impress, & that they be devided ten on each Ship, as also the Slaves, & that the Captaines be order'd to take care of them, & not lett them want due accommodation, & necessarys, for their health & Safetys.

Paper Books order'd to be bought.

Wee being greatly in want, of paper & Books, for Registers, and other businesses, & there offering a parcell for Sale, 'tis order'd that they be bought att Pag° fifteen.

A Rule for the Court recomended by Sr John Biggs. Order'd to be publish'd.

Sr John Biggs Judge of the Admiralty recommending to us a Rule, for the expediting of business in our Court, which is that all Actions shall be tryed or condemned within four Court dayes, Itt is agreed & order'd, that itt be publisht, & observ'd accordingly.

ELIHU YALE.
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JOHN STABLES Secry.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAÕ

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

WENSDAY 21.

Walter Galloway offers his Service for the West Coast. He is entertain'd a Writer. Page 10 to be advanced to him.

Walter Galloway offering himself to Serve the Rt Honble Compa att the West Coast, Itt is order'd that he be entertain'd a Writer att 15 £ a year, having a good Character of him from Some of the Councill, & that Pag° 10 bee paid him on acct of his Sallery.

Concerning Capt Eldreds demorage & breach of orders.

Capt Francis Eldred having often very importunatly demanded demorage, according to Charterparty with the Rt Honble Compa for his Ship Loyall Captaine, att £ 3 : 15 s p day from her arrivall from England to this Port, the 11th of Aprill,

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to this day the time of her unlading & discharge, which by his Acc^{t} is 162 dayes, att £ 3 : 15 ^{s} & 5 ^{s} p̃ Dollar is R^{lls} $\frac{s}{x}$ 2430, which Summe he demanded of the Councill, whereupon Mr Robert Freeman & Mr Samuell Wales late Chiefs of Metchlepatam & Madapollam, were Sent for, they being chiefly concern'd in diverting the Loyall Captain, from her order'd voyage to Bengall, when after we had heard the whole relation of this affair, with their reasons & necessity for their ordring the Ship hither, as p̃ their joint Consultation of the 20th July in Metchlepatam, as also Capt Eldreds reasons & excuses for his breach of orders, Mr Wales & he, were desired to withdraw, when the Councill long debated the matter, & by plurality of Votes resolved as followeth Viz^{t}.

Consideration upon Capt Eldreds breach of orders.

That in consideration of Capt Eldreds great fault, by his breach of orders, in disobeying his dispatch to the Bay, which might have been, the occation of many bad consequents for the circumstances of our affairs in Bengall, & to caution & deterr others for the future from the like inexcuseable offence, 'tis agreed & order'd that no more demorage be paid him, then from his arrivall here, the 11th Aprill to the 20th of July, which is only the time he was actually in Service, & was clear'd from the Madapollam goods, which were then put aboard the Loyall Adventure in Metchlepatam road, which is 99 dayes, att £ 3 : 15 ^{s} p̃ diem, & the

What demorage to be pd him.

To give a full discharge.

Dollar att 5 ^{s} as p̃ Charterparty amo^{ts} to Ry^{lls} $\frac{s}{x}$ 1485 & that this Summe be not paid him, without he fully discharges the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} from all future demands for the remaining 945 Dollers, he makes due by his acc^{t} for bringing up the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Sick Servants, & their necessarys hither, And the reason of our paying the 1485 Dollars is from Mr Freemans and Mr Wales their declaration, that they could procure no other conveyance for the Madapollam goods thence, which was long endeavoured to be transported through the Rivers to Metchlepatam, in which they had got a great way, but itt not being thoroughly to be effected, they were forced to return them to Madapollam, where they must of necessity have layn, exposed to the hazzard & danger of a bad Government & the Mogulls Army, who were plundering not farr from those parts, & their nearer approach daily expected, from whom, neither wee, nor our concernes, could expect any favour, considering our differences with them in Bengall, besides the necessity of those goods for the dispatch of the Loyall Adventure, for England, all which reasons render the bringing them thence upon Ship Loyall Captain, a necessary good Service to the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a}.

Reasons for paying that Demorage.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R : FREEMAN.
NAT HIGGINSON.
JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry} WILL : FRASER.

21. Generll from Coodaloor.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Coodaloor dated the [*Lacuna in the original*] Ins^{t} advising that they can get no freight for the Royall James, that Mr Hall & Mr Swynoke had resorted Some of the Bales, which they found correspond with the opinions of the Warehouskeeper &c^{a} here, that Mr Davis &c^{a} will give answer to itt when they come to the Fort, That they finding the goods So unsortable, & worse then Muster, deferr Sending their opinions, till they have opened & resorted every Bale, That they had demanded the papers of Mr Davis relating to the treatment for a Settlement, att Trimlevas, but was denied them.

Letter from Thomas Constable.

Rec^{d} a Letter from Thomas Constable att Trimlevas dated the 13th Ins^{t} concerning lading the Royall James with Grain, upon freight the tearmes proposed, but not accepted by him.

22. Samuell Gyfford died.

This morning att 5 a Clock died Samuell Gyfford writer.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1687.*—— [22ND.]

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 22.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

What remaining to compleat ye Loyall Adventures 1000 Dollars. To be paid Capt Stangroome (*sic*).

There being Twenty Seven Pagodas remaining to compleat the Thousand Dollars agreed in Charterparty to Supply the Ship Loyall Adventure with necessarys, Itt is order'd to bee paid Capt Robert Strangroom the present Commander.

Merchts att Trimleva's refuse to lade Grain on the Royall James for this Port. What Ports they will lade for. Rather then want a Lading to accept of said freight. Letter to be writ to Coodaloor.

MR Thomas Constable advising us in his Letter of the 13th Instant, that he could not prevail with those Merchants, to lade Grain on the Royall James for this Port, but that they were willing to freight to the amt of 3 or 4000 Pagos of Paddy, within 10 or 12 dayes time for Palliacat, Ramapatam or Pettepollee, & though our chief design in Sending the Royall James to the Southward, was for Stores for the Garison, & Supplies for the Town, but Since that is not to be effected, rather then she should want a lading, & make an unproffitable idle voyage, 'tis agreed that if they cannot procure, a freight hither, that they take one for Palliacat, Ramapatam or Pettepollee, att the usuall rates for those parts, & that a Letter be wrot & Sent to Coodaloor ordering itt accordingly.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R. FREEMAN.
THO : WAVELL.
NAT. HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.

JOHN STABLES SECTY.

23. Generall to Coodaloor.

Genll to Coodaloor dated this day approved & Signed, advising about lading the Royall James, with Paddy, Abating their Merchts Intrest, Sending an accs of the resorting the goods formerly Sorted by MR Davis &cA. And hastening in their goods, & Sorting itt to be Sent by the Royall James, att her return hither, to be laden on the Dragon, when She arrives from Persia.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAO

Present

SATTERDAY 24.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNR
MR SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Concerning the quarter Sessions. Four Criminalls convicted & sentenced death.

The principall offender to suffer death.

The Quarter Sessions of this Citty being ended, & four Criminalls being Legally tryed by a Jury were convicted of fellonious Roberys, & Sentanc't to death according to Law, But the Court considering that justice enclin'd to mercy, & that these were the first crimes, they were here charged with, & probably instigated thereto, by youth, the Temptation of a notorious Rogue their Ringleader, or from necessity by the long Soar famine, upon which considerations, 'tis agreed that the principall & bold offender, Managattee Tombeane, do Suffer death on Thursday next, according to Sentence, & by his Sad example, to deterr others

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The other 3 to be burnt in the Shoulder & banisht to Sumatra & to remain the Rt Honble Compas Slaves.

from the like crimes, & that the other three Criminalls, Pindarum, Verago & Tannapa, be burn'd on the Shoulder, & banish't this place to Sumatra, where they are to remain Slaves to the Rt Honble Compa during life, & never to return hither upon pain of death.

Elihu Yale.
John Gray.
J. Biggs.
John Littleton.
R. Freeman.
Tho: Wavell.
Nat: Higginson.
Will: Fraser.

John Stables Secry.

25. Samll Whitby from Conimeer.

This morning Samuell Whitby arrived here from Conimeer in order to his going to the West Coast.

Att a Consultation

Present

Munday 26.

Elihu Yale Esqr President & Governour
Mr John Gray — Sr John Biggs
Mr John Littleton — Mr Robert Freeman
Mr Thomas Wavell — Mr Nath Higginson
Mr William Fraser.

P. 1000 to be paid Mr. Higginson

Orderd that Pago 1000 be paid Mr Nathaniell Higginson Paymaster generall to defray Charges Garrison &ca.

Paymasters accts for August.

Mr Thomas Wavell late Paymaster his Accompts for the month of August read and past as followeth.

Charges Garrison	Pago	733 : 34 : 00
Charges Generall	„	495 : 18 : 00
Charges Diett	„	260 : 10 : 51
Charges Extraordinary	„	10 : 35 : 31
Charges Cattle	„	39 : 32 : —
Charges Merchandise	„	99 : 09 : —
Accott ffortifications &ca	„	207 : 28 : —
By Bengall expedition	„	67 : 12 : —
By a voyage to Tenasseree	„	116 : 21 : —
By an Error committed in the month of July, under the head of Charges Garrison. ...	„	33 : — : —
	P.	2064 : 19 : 82

Oath of a freeman administer'd to Mr Knipe & Mr Milton.

Mr Knipe & Mr Milton not having taken the Oath of a freeman in England, they were this day Sent for, & according to the Rt Honble Compas orders, in their Generall of the 9th of June 1686 that all below the Councill should take itt, which was administred to them.

Elihu Yale.
John Gray.
J. Biggs.
John Littleton.
R. Freeman.
Tho: Wavell.
Nat: Higginson.
Will: Fraser.

John Stables Secry.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1687.*—— [27TH.]

Sloop Pilgrim John Phillips Master arrived from Madapollam. Sloop Pilgrim from Madapollam.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present THURSDAY 29.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Order'd that the Sallary due and payable to the Rt Honble Compas Servants att this place, be paid them, And that Mr Gray do draw up a List accordingly, there having been no Sallary paid here these 12 months. Sallary order'd to bee paid.

Generall to Surat dated this day read & past & order'd to bee engrossed. Generall to Surat read.

Order'd that Pago 400 bee paid Mr Thomas Wavell Storekeeper for fitting and dispatch of the Ships. P. 400 to be paid Mr Wavell.

Capt Eldred having delivered an acct of Rice, expended upon maintenance of Lascars aboard his Ship from Madapollam & Metchlepatam hither, amounting by his accompt to Pago 45, but upon consideration that he alter'd his voyage, contrary to his dispatch, and the Lascars being provided and paid Impress money for Bengall, which by his not going thether, is wholy lost to the Rt Honble Compa and they being Servicable to him in his voyage hither, his English men being Sick, Itt is therefore thought reasonable that no more be paid him, then has been. Capt Eldred delivers an acct of Rice. Consideration there upon. No more to be paid him then has been.

Having private advice of a late robbery committed by the Muckwaes of a parcell of Corrall Stoln out of Chests bringing ashoar, orders were given for immediate enquiry & examination, & accordingly found a Small box of Corrall Gregio, which was committed to the Warehouskeeper, with orders to him, to Search the Corrall Chests, to know what's broak or wanting, & that the Justices do Strictly examine this business, there being notice of much more Stolen, & hidden in their houses, which they are also order'd to Search for, But upon the first noise hereof, most of the Muckwaes, being conscious of their guilt, left their dwellings, to Secure themselves from Justice, dispersing to Palliacatt & Sadraspatam &ce which happening badly in this busie time for the dispatch of our Severall Ships, 'tis order'd they bee recall'd, with the assurance, that none but the Guilty shall suffer for this crime, they being all notorious Theives, are fearfull of being punish'd for Company or their past crimes, And thô 'twas late order'd but neglected by the Stewards Sickness, Wee do now again order, that Mr Fraser (who being Land Customer, has the best oppertunity for itt) do buy fforty young Sound Slaves for the Rt Honble Compa and dispose them to the Severall Mussulaes, two or three on each, in charge of the Chiefman of the Boat, to be fed & taught by them, & to encourage their care therein 'tis order'd a short red broad cloth Coat be given to each Chiefman, & that the Rt Honble Compas marke bee embroider'd with Silk on their backs, with the number of their Rank & the Boat, which are also to be So numbred, whereby wee shall have them att better command, our business go more currently on, & easelier thereby discover their Theiverys. A discovery of stoln Corrall. The box of Corrall found committed to the Warehouskeeper. Justices strictly to examine the business. Notice of more Corrall Stoln. Search to be made for itt. The muckwaes leave their dwellings. To be recall'd & none but the Guilty to suffer. Mr Fraser to buy 40 young slaves. To be disposed of to the Severall Mussullaes. To be fed & taught by them. A short red Cost to be given to each Chiefman.

Order'd that Mr Nathaniell Higginson & Mr William Fraser do with a Guard of 18 Holbertiers and Peons accompany and See the Execution of Managattee Tambeane, according to Sentance of death past upon him, on Satterday last, the Mr Higginson & Mr Fraser to See the execution of Managatte Tambeane.

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His his [*sic*] to be sett up for example.

24th Instant, & that after he is hang'd & dead, that his head be Sever'd from his body, and fixt upon Some remarkable place, to deterr others from Such notorious Robberys.

Madras & Success frigts dispatches.

Ship Madras Frigat & Success Frigatt, their dispatches to the West Coast, dated this day read and past.

Advice of 16 of the Royall James men run away. Plunder'd severall Boats of vallue.

Having recd advice from the Chief & Councill att Coodaloor, & from Thomas Constable att Trimlevas, that Sixteen of the Stoutest Englishmen were run away from the Royall James, & had Seized upon a Country Boat, & after taken & plunder'd Severall others of Pago 2500 in ready money, & many other things of vallue, also wounded & cutt off the ears of many, & reported that they designed to take the first Ship they mett with, & turn Pirats, whereupon 'tis order'd that Peons be sent along the Coast to surprize them if they can, when they come ashoar, & raise the Country upon them, And that a Commission bee given the Captaines of the two Ships dispatcht to Sumatra, to Coast itt as farr as Coodaloor, or further if they hear of them, & take them if possible by fair meanes or force.

Peons to be sent along the Coast to surprise them. Commission to be given to the Sumatra Ships to take them.

Elihu Yale.
John Gray.
J. Biggs.
John Littleton.
R. Freeman.
Tho: Wavell.
Nat: Higginson.
Will: Fraser.

John Stables Secry.

29. Generall from Coodaloor. Letter from Thomas Constable.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 25th Inst with a Letter from Thomas Constable dated att Trimlevas the 23th Inst giving an acct of 16 of the Royall James men runing away from the Ship, & carrying a Boat with them out of that Road, and of the troubles occation'd therby from the Government.

30. New Madras Merchr for Acheen.

Ship new Madras Merchr Christopher Fox Master Sailed for Acheen.

Dispatches deliver'd Sumatra Capts. Burneo Merchant from Bengall. Packett recd by her from thence.

Ships Madras Frigat & Success Frigat their dispatches for the West Coast dated yesterday were delivered the Commanders.

Ship Burneo Merchant Thomas Bowrey Master arrived from Bengall, & brought a Packett from thence containing Hugly Genll to Fort St George dated att Little Tanna the 26th August 1687. Coppy of Articles of peace concluded on the 8th June, Translate of the Nabob of Dacca's Perwanna, recd 21th July, Translate of Abdulsummets Letter to Agent Charnock recd 23th August, Translate of a paper Sealed by Abdulsummett for the confirming the Articles of Peace, Translate of a paper Signed by Agent Charnock to Abdulsummet the 8th June, Coppy of a Genll from Indrapoora to Bengall dated 13th March 168$\frac{8}{9}$ & from Bencoolen dated 3rd Januar 168$\frac{8}{9}$. A List of the Rt Honble Compas Servants dead since October 1686. A List of the Souldiers in the Rt Honble Compas Service, with a mark on those that are dead & run away this last year. List of Said Packett.

Pmo. Generall from Coodaloor. Letter from Thomas Constable.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 27th last month, giving an acct of the mischief done by the Royall James men, that run away, and a Letter from Thomas Constable & Grimstone Luckin att Trimlevas dated the 25th past, giving an acct of the troubles they meet with, there by reason of Said men.

Letters to Mogulls Nabob and Coje Abanus to be sent. Sent forward this night.

The Letters to the Mogulls Nabob, & Coje Abanus att Gulcondah, not being yet Sent, & receiving advices last night from Bengall, Itt was put to the Councill, whether to Send them or no, which was carried in the affirmative, by the same plurality of Votes, confirming the Consultation of the 15th last month, So were forwarded this night.

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This morning the Madras & Success Frig^ts Sailed for the West Coast. Ships sailed for Sumatra.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR — MUNDAY 3.
MR JOHN GRAY — S^R JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON — MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL — M^R
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

The President read his Cash Book for the month of September which was examined & past in Councill the ballance being Pag^o 3773 : 06 : 1. Presidents Cash Book for sept^r.

The Muckwaes whom wee sent after to Palliacat, were this day brought thence by our Peons, being in number eight, thô they had applied themselves to that Governour for his protection, but he hearing of their crimes, civilly deliver'd them up to our people, & are order'd to be Secured, & examined by the Justices, & their case reported to the Councill, who thereupon will proceed with them according to Justice. Eight Muckwaes brought from Palliacat. to be Secured & examined.

Capt Robert Stangroome Commander of the Loyall Adventure, continuing Still very weak, & his men very idle and disorderly, Since the death of Capt Goodlad, questioning the authority of their present Commander & Officers, to the delaying their business, I'ts therefore order'd that Mr Freeman do go aboard Said Ship, & from us to declare Capt Robert Stangroome their Commander, and the rest of the Officers in their Severall Stations, ordring their due obedience & dilligence, that they may be laden, & dispatcht in Season. LoyallAdventure men disorderly. Question the authority of their present Commander & officers. Mr Freeman to go aboard & declare Capt Stangroom their Commander. Ordring their obedience that the ship may be laden & dispatcht in time.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R. FFREEMAN.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Sec^ry.

Rec^d two Petitions, one from Thomas Mackrith att Bengall, requesting to come to the Fort for his health, the other from Zouch Troughton, desiring to have the place of Lievtenant of the Second Company itt being void, which the Councill will consider hereafter. 3. Petition from Thomas Mackrith. Petition from Zouch Troughton.

This morning att one a Clock died Mr Sam^ll Wales late Chief of Madapollam. 4. Mr Samuell Wales died.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR — THURSDAY 6.
MR JOHN GRAY — S^R JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON — MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL — MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

The Bookkeeper being making up the Accompt of Sallary, when perusing the Generall Letter, for Sr John Biggs his Sallary, there is nothing exprest therein, relating thereto, which wee Suppose an accidentall omission, the Governour of the Concerning Sir John Biggs his Sallary.

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To be made £ up att 100 p̄ Annum.

Comp[a] having wrot to the President that his Sallary was to bee att 100 £ p̄ Annum, payable in India, & to have his personall diett, att the Generall Table, when att the Fort, which wee agree & conclude to be a sufficient warrant, for allowing him the Same, & the Accomptant is accordingly order'd to make up S[r] John Biggs his Sallary att that rate.

Pettepollee goods examined.

According to the generall order for examining all the Subordinate Factorys Goods, M[r] William Fraser &c[a] Warehouse assistants, give an acc[t] in writing of the Pettepollee goods, provided & Sorted by M[r] John Littleton Chief &c[a] there, as enter'd next after this Consultation.

P. 200 to be paid for Copper.

Order'd that Pag[o] 200 be paid M[r] Henry Alford for four Candy of Copper bought of him to make Copper Cash for the West Coast on the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] accompt for the use of those Factories.

P 1000 to be paid Mr Higginson.

Order'd that Pag[o] 1000 be paid M[r] Nathaniell Higginson Paymaster Generall to defray Charges Garrison &c[a].

Paper delivered by James Harding. Concerning Mr Hardings paper.

M[r] James Harding having given in a paper to the President & Councill being called to examination thereupon, he was demanded what he had to offer in the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] behalf & who those persons were he reflects upon in his Said paper, that had disserved the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] which he desired he might have time to declare in writing, which was granted him, & promised to be brought in next Consultation day, he was also desired to acquaint the Councill, if he had anything to offer to the advantage of the R[t] Honble Comp[as] affairs, or could discover any wrong done them, & we would enquire into itt, & do them right therein, thô Mr Harding seems unworthily to question itt, & causlesly to reflect upon us, but detraction & turbulency are his Province, agreing with no man, nor ever contented in any station or condition, & we doubt never will, having had the offer of severall good employments from us, with much friendly good advices, which was chiefly from the consideration of his long Service & poverty, but nothing will take impression upon him, but his willfull humor.

Leave given a French Padre to go for England p̄ Loyall Adventure.

Señor Nicholas Charmott a French Padree desiring leave to take his passage for England upon the Loyall Adventure,, Itt is granted & the Secretary order'd to give the Commander an order, to receive him & his necessaries, he paying for his passage.

Elihu Yale.
John Gray.
J. Biggs.
John Littleton.
R. Freeman.
Tho: Wavell.
Nat: Higginson.
Will: Fraser.

John Stables Sec[ry].

6. Ship from Madapollam and Vizagapatam.

Ship Tobaccalee Samuell Prickman Master, arrived from Madapollam, coming from thence in May last, but drove to Leaward as farr as Vizagapatam, & on her Some Timbers of the R[t] Hon[ble] Company's.

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Report of Pettepollee goods.

Pettepollee goods viewed & examined by the Subscribers.

No. 1 Diapers well & true Sorted to the goodness of the Muster.
1 Dimeties the Same.
2 & 3 Collowapoes very well Sorted.
1 Cotton Romalls a good Chay, but somewhat Short of Muster.
2 Goaconcherulas well Sorted.
2 Saderuncheras well Sorted but Somewhat pale Chay.
2 Sasserguntes not come ashoar.

William Fraser.
Henry Alford.
Ed: Tredcroft.

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[6TH.]

Coppy of Mr Hardings paper.

To the Honble Elihu Yale President & Governour of the Coast of Choromandell Bay of Bengall & Sumatra &c.^a^ Councill.

The 29th Ultm^o^ in a Petition I desired to be Secured from the detriment of Forgeries, hatched against me by certain malitious persons in Bengall, who are notoriously guilty of high misdemeanors, especially the R^t^ Worp^ll^ Job Charnock Agent, If I cannot be heard in the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ behalf, nor in my own, itt is for no purpose to stay longer here, thereby to Suffer any wayes, the loss of my right, as heretofore in Mr Vincent & in Mr Littleton's time, by their ill tricks, should itt not be your Hon^r^ &c^a^ pleasure, firmly to Settle me according to my request, in the forementioned paper, I am compelled through discouragments & matters of very great import to the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ to go home upon the Loyall Adventure, desiring coppy of the Consultation, & what elce here on Register that relates to mee. The oppressions & Tyranies over me in India, have been so many, that I cannot provide for so long a voyage as I am inclined, I intreat your Hon^r^ &c^a^ upon this weighty occation, which so much concernes the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ interest, Therefore to pay me my Sallary & Chamber rent, I never doubted the first, because itt was absolutly promised me, with other encouragments, till further orders from England about mee, & that your Hon^r^ &c^a^ also please to put in such provissions aboard, as in such cases some others has had, that I may not be Subject to the abuses of any belonging to the Ship, I embarque on, nor want necessary refreshment att Sea, If the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ disapprove of these disburstments (as I know they will not) on my acc^t^. I will oblige myself to have itt deducted out of my arrears, which is considerable, all which I leave to your speedy consideration & determination Remaining

Honble S^r^ &c^a^.

Your most humble Servant

Madras 6th October 1687. JAMES HARDING.

8. Concerning the Monsoons breaking up this time.

The Monsoons breaking up sooner this year then expected or is usuall, there happened great damage to the Ships & Vessells in the Road, Itt began on Tuesday the 4th Inst when there run a gr^t^ at Sea & Surf all day, & in the afternoon a flurry of Wind & Rain, Wensday the 5th the Same great Sea & Surf continued, with a flurry of Wind & Rain in the forenoon, Thursday the 6th the wind blew hard with Rain most part of the day, & in the morning a Ship belonging to a Chouliar bound for Acheen, & Sloop Sophia drove from their Anchors, & put to Sea, with many Boates of Paddy, Friday the 7th a very great Storm of Wind & Rain all day, in the morning Ships Loyall Captain & Cesar, were drove from their Anchors, and put to Sea, & in the afternoon Ship Tobaccalee forst from her Anchors & run ashoar about two miles from this place to the Southward & Sloop Pilgrim a little way from the Fort, & now no Boats in the Road nor other Vessels, the Loyall Adventure & Burneo Merch^t^ being only left. Saterday the 8th The wind blowing very hard last night forct the Loyall Adventure & Burneo Merch^t^ from their Anchors, the former being found this morning broak to pieces att St Thomas Point having run ashoar, last night about 12 a Clock, & the latter a little to the Southward of Sloop Pilgrim, during the fierceness of this Storm, the Winds continued between East & North East, which brought the Sea very near the Bulwark and wall, but this morning the Wind & Sea abating, we hope the danger's past.

8. Generall from Vizagapatam. Williamsons arrivall & dispatch thence to Bengall.

This morning Sam^ll^ Prickman Master of Ship Tobaccale cast away yesterday, delivers the President a Gen^ll^ from Vizagapatam, dated 28th past, advising of Ship Williamsons arrivall & dispatch thence to the Bay, of her Seizing & carrying with her a Ship called the Diamond belonging to the Mogulls Egib att Metchlepatam, That the price of Silver is very low there, none offering Pag^o^ 5 p̃ Seer, which being So mean a rate, they will attend further orders about itt, however

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A Prize taken & carried wth her. They draw two Bills on us.

that they might clear their debts, pay the first third of the Town rent, & make provission of Paddy & Rice for this place as order'd, they have drawn two Bills both payable to Kitto Narrain, the one for Pag° 3500 the other for Pag° 162 : 16 which they have rec^d into the R^t Honble Comp^as Cash, and that Mr Fleetwood was gone to Sunaporum and Ganjam to provide the Grain.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRA°

Satterday 8.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY — S^R JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON — M^R
M^R — MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Of lading the Loyall Adventure. Often recommended to the Warehouskeeper. The Commander prest to get his Ship in a readiness. Reasons why their business went on slowly. Ours ready to dispatch her in a few dayes Monsoon happening. Loyall Adventure drove ashoar. Souldiers & Peons Sett to watch att the Sea Side. Not a bale seen to come ashoar Concerning the lumber that came ashoar from the wreck. Five of the Ships crew missing. The Rt. Honble Comp^as loss great. All possible care taken. Many others great loosers.

Ship Loyall Adventure according to our former Consultation of the 29th August being order'd to be discharged of her goods brought hither, & reladen with a Cargo for England, which was often recomended to the Warehouskeeper, to use his greatest expedition therein, who they say did accordingly press the Commander, to get his Ship in a readiness, to receive in goods, & to Send what others were order'd ashoar, but through his, & many of his Seamens distempers & weakness, which they brought hither from Metchlepatam, their business went on Slowly, thô ours was in readiness to have dispatcht her in few dayes, also the Boat mens runing away was a great hindrance, but contrary to all expectation, & the course of the Monsoons, happened on Thursday last so violent a storm, as drove three Ships out of the road, & two Ships with Severall Country Boats ashoar, the Loyall Adventure & another Ship Still riding att Anchor so well, that there was little doubt of their safety, thô the Seas run so high, no Boat or Cattamaran, could possibly gett off to their assistance, But the Winds & Seas encreasing, they unhappily broak all their Cables, & came ashoar about 12 last night, before wch Guards of Souldiers & Peons were order'd by the Governour to watch all night att the Sea Side, least any such disaster should happen, that they might be ready to Succour them, & Save what people & goods should come ashoar, but thô the Loyall Adventure bilg'd & broak in pieces very near the Shoar, att St Thomas Point, yet not a Bale could bee seen to come ashoar, nor any thing of greater consequence, then Some parcells of Tea, Gallingal, broaken Scritores, with empty Chests & Cask, & such lumber, which was order'd to be Secured in one of the R^t Honble Comp^as Godowns, & after all was brought in, to deliver each person, what they could make appear to be theirs, & what of the Wreck Saved to be Sold for the Owners, & brought to their acc^t there are five of the Ships crew missing, which are Supposed to be drown'd, many others narrowly escaping with their lives, And thô the R^t Honble Comp^as loss & disappointment is very great, by this unexpected, but unavoidable disaster, yet we having done our duties & taken all possible care therein, wee hope none will blame us, for such Providentiall dispensations, many of us having been great loosers thereby.

Mr Littleton to give an acct of the Loyall Adventures lading. Watch to be kept att the Sea Side. Peons to be sent Northward & South ward. Letters to be writt to Coodaloor, Conimeer &ca.

Mr John Littleton Warehouskeeper is order'd to give a List of all the R^t Honble Comp^as goods, laden from the Northern Factorys, & here, aboard ship Loyall Adventure, & that he produce the Bills of Lading or receipts for them.

Order'd that a Strict Guard & Watch be Still kept att the Sea Side to prevent embezling any thing, that may be driven ashoar, also that Ten Peons be sent along the Coast, to Palliacat & ten to Covelon, & enquire all the way, for goods driven ashoar, & if find any, to Secure them for the R^t Honble Comp^a & give us present advice thereof, least the Country Governments Seiz them as forfeitures, Also that Letters be wrot to Coodaloor, and Conimeer,

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& to the Governours & Avaldars of the Country, as far as Armagon to the Northward, & Marcawnum to the Southward to Search for and Secure, what goods shall be drove ashoar for the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ giving advice thereof hither, there being no goods come ashoar here suppose them driven one of those wayes.

Generalls to Coodaloor & to Conimeer & to the Governours & Avaldars dated this day read and past. Generalls read & past.

There being 18 Seamen which belonged to the Loyall Adventure escaped ashoar destitute of all necessarys, Itt is therefore order'd that the Boatswain, Gunner, Carpenter & Coxen be entertain'd in the Gun room crew, & the rest to take up Armes, & that a months pay be advanced, to provide them with Cloaths & diett, they coming naked ashoar. 18 Seamen of the Loyall Adventurs escaped drowning. to be taken into the Rt Honble Compas Service. A months pay to be advanced.

The French Padre that we had given leave to take his passage on the Loyall Adventure for England, made a complaint to us, that he had laden a Trunk upon her, wherin were two Gold & Silver Boxes, which he brought from the King of Siam, & that the Gold one was for his Soveraign Maj^ty^ of England, wherein were Letters to him, & Severall others, & that Since the Said Ships being cast away, he had Seen that Trunk broak ashoar, but nothing therein, And that he took a paper from the hands of Mr Nathaniell Higginson, which he knew to be in the Said Gold box, and was a List of a Present, Sent the King of England, by the King of Siam last year upon a French Ship, and is here enter'd, Whereupon Mr Nathaniell Higginson being then present in Councill, was enquired about itt, who told us, that the next morning after that night the Loyall Adventure was cast away, he with many others, being assisting att the Seaside, to Save what could be from the wreck, accidentally lookt into a Mussula Boat, that lay thereby, where he Saw an open paper, endorsed " A List of curiosities of his Maj^ty^ of Great Brittain. Being made up in Seven Chests. Humbly presented " which reaching out, was reading itt, when the Said Padre and Mr Lucas came by him to whom he began to tell the accident, and to Shew the paper, when the Padre Seing itt, Snatcht itt from him, and kept itt, till now he produced itt to the Councill, and this is the Summe of his report, but being a business his Maj^ty^ is concern'd in, and So of great consequen[ce,] Mr Higginson is therefore to give in his report upon Oath in writing, for fuller Satisfaction, And that Mr Freeman &^ca^ Justices, do Strictly enquire after the Said Boxes and Letters, and that they Search all Houses and persons for the Same, Since by many circumstances itt must bee ashoar, and Stoln that night, by Some of the Souldiers, Peons or Macwas, who were imployed to watch and assist, thô there was multitudes of other people, undoubtedly watching to get what they could, Thô we also much blamed the French Padre, sinc[e] he knew the Box and Letters were for his Maj^ty^ of England, that he did not acquaint us therewith, that we might have Secured itt better, then in his clandestine Trunk, & that itt should have been the last thing lade[n] & then to have taken receipts for itt, & to be done with that respect and honour, that is due to every thing, that bears our Gracious Kings name, But that now we have only the Padres word, whether there was such a thing as a Gold box, or if lost or not, & that Such a paper, might be easily framed to the story, any bad man would design, but all the Padres answer to this was, that he was order'd to keep, and deliver itt privatly, which he intended to do, and was Sorry the consequence was so bad, So telling the Padre, we should use our utmost endeavours for it's recovery, dismist him.

French Padre's complaint of a Gold box lost in Loyall Adventure.

Concerning Said Gold box & the papers therein.

The Justices to make strict enquiry. after them.

The French Padre blamed.

French Padres answer.

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[8th.] Coppy of the French Padre's Petition.

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To the Honble Elihu Yale President of the Coast of Choromandell &c^a Councill.
The humble Petition of Nicholas
Charmott a French Padre.

Humbly Compl Sheweth that the Honble Constant ffalkon chief Minister of State for his Maj^ty of Siam, did send unto his Soveraign Majesty of Great Brittain Severall Letters made up in a Golden Box, wherein were also Lists of Severall Presents, to his Said Soveraign Maj^ty of Great Brittain by his Maj^ty of Siam Sent, & also another Silver Box, with Letters &c^a for the Duke of Vennice, by your Said Petition^r the which Said Boxes, were firmly made up & Sealed by the aforesaid Constant Falkon, & delivered to your Petitioner, for the safe conveyance of them, to the hands of the aforesaid Princes, the which Said Boxes of Letters &c^a your Pet for the more security of them, in a Chest of his own, did lade the same on board the Loyall Adventure, having agreed with the Capt thereof to take his passage thereon for England, & whereas the Said Ship by so calamitous an accident, as to her this last night happened is cast away, your Pet went to the Sea Side to See if he could encounter his Chest, wherin the Said Boxes were & when there come, found one of the Lists in the hands of Mr Nathan^ll Higginson by which he Supposes, the Boxes and Letters must also be Safe.

Wherefore your Hon^rs most humble Pet prays the assistan[ce] of your Hon^r & Councill herein, in making as well a Strict Scrutiny about the Said Boxes of Letters, as when found, o[ut] to deliver them, with what laden by your Pet theron, w[ ] Saved, he paying the necessary charges of them.

And your Pet as in duty bound
sha[ll] for ever pray &c^a.

Coppy of the List found by Mr Higginson on the Mussula.

Coppy of the List found by Mr Nathan^ll Higginson in the Mussula.

A Canapy & Counterpain of a Bed embroiderd with Gold & Silver upon blue Satten.

Lors white 5 p^s
ditto blue 5 p^s } Curtaines Suitable to the Canopy &c^a

One paire of Jappon Silke Screens.

An extraordinary peice of China made lately whereof the Govern^r of the Province of Xenso, Sent tenn, the whole present consisting of no more, which was to Show his Maj^ty of Siam, & others that look for curious old China Ware, that the Chineeses, were not So degenerated, but that they could make as curious now as formerly.

Tea.

N°. 1. . 10 Potts of Songloo.
2. . 1 Pott of the flower of Boye.
3. . 1 Pott of exellent Tea Caitae, whereof the whole Empire of China, affoards but one Pecull a Year, to be used as follows, the first water being thrown away, being good for nothing, the Second usually drunk, but the third is the best.

2 Red Tea Potts. 2 Small ffield peices forged out with hammers.

The endorsem^t on said List " A List of curiosities for his Maj^ty of Great Brittain. Being made up in Seven Chests. humbly Presented. "

Att a Consultation

Present

Munday 10.

Elihu Yale Esqr President & Governour
Mr John Gray — Sr John Biggs
Mr John Littleton — Mr Robert Freeman
Mr Thomas Wavell — Mr Nath. Higginson
Mr William Fraser.

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[10TH.] Consideration of sending advices [to] the Rt Honble Compa. Royall James to be sent for.

Concluding itt of great importance to the Rt Honble Comp^a that they bee advis'd of the state of their affairs in Bengall & all other places under our charge, & having unhappily lost the design'd oppertunity by Ship Loyall Adventure, And being advised that the Royall James was return'd to Coodaloor, near laden with Paddy, 'tis agreed that she be order'd to make all possible hast hither, & that they lade on her all the Bale goods & Pepper procurable, & to dispatch her thence to Conimeer, to take in what they can provide, & so return hither, to receive in our Bale goods, Pepper &c^a., with what elce can be provided to dispatch her by the end of this month for England, (there being now no occation for her in Bengall) which will cease her great charge of demorage, & to keep her longer here will be to little purpose, since we have neither mony, nor orders to take up any att Interest, to provide goods for our Tonnage, but limited to buy no more, then 234 Tonns of Coast goods, except we should have an overplus of Stock, which we are so farr from, that we have not sufficient to discharge our Debts & present occations, So that wee have no other hopes left us for the lading the rest of our Ships, but the West Coast, which wee have already taken all possible care about, but the Royall James is not fitt to go thether now, having lost near 80 men there in her outward bound voyage, & many Since dead & run away But we hope to perswade most of the Loyall Adventure's men to go upon her to England, thô they will not to the West Coast, they having been sent for, & acquainted with his Maj^tys Proclamation, that they were forbidden to Serve any forreign Nation, & therefore upon perrill thereof, they were not to leave the R^t Honble Comp^as Service, which they had entertain'd themselves in, But might go to England upon the Royall James, which offer most of them accepted of, This we thought necessary to acquaint them least they should leave the place, hearing that many of them, were discontented about their pay, they having Petition'd for the R^t Honble Comp[as] charitable benevolence to them, in consideration of their Sad disaster & deplorable condition, But wee Satisfied them that the R^t Honble Comp^a were also great loosers, and that the taking them into their Service, was a Sufficient Charity to maintain them.

To be dispatcht for England.

Concerning lading the rest of the Rt Honble Compas Ships.

No hopes but the West Coast.

Royall James not fitt to go thether.

Loyall Adventures men to go on the Royall James.

Most of them willing to go.

Order'd that Bernard Ozler late Surgeon of the Loyall Adventure, be entertain'd att Three Pag^o the month, and his Diett att the Generall Table there being occation for him this Sickly Season.

Loyall Adventures Surgeon entertained in the Rt Honble Compas service.

Mr Richard Browne Chief of Vizagapatam, having drawn a Bill of Exchange upon us for Pag^o 3500:—: payable to Kitte Narrain who being willing to accept our Obligation to pay itt the first day of March next, with Interest, 'tis order'd that a Bill be given him att 10 p^r Cent, there being not sufficient Cash to pay him, But that Mr Browne be reprehended for drawing upon us, without order, & having wrott them, that they were to expect, no more then the five Chests of Silver we had Sent them, but all the excuse he makes for itt, is, that he could not dispose of any Silver att Pag^o five p^r Seer, which being an extream low price, they intended to keep itt in hopes of a better markett.

Bill to be given for P. 3500 drawn by Mr. Richard Brown. Mr. Brown to be reprehended for drawing on us without order. The excuse he makes for doing itt.

Two Generall Letters Viz^t one to Coodaloor the other to Conimeer dated this day read, past & Sent forward, containing orders to them concerning the Royall James.

Genlls to Coodaloor & Conimeer.

Mr John Littleton as order'd in Consultation of the 8th Instant delivers a List of what goods belonging to the R^t Honble Comp^a was cast away in the Loyall Adventure upon the 7th Ins^t as enter'd next after this Consultation.

Mr Littleton delivers a List of the Rt Honble Compas loss in Loyall Adventure.

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JOHN STABLES Sec^ry.

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Coppy of Mr Littletons list of goods lost in the Loyall Adventure.

List of Goods cast away in the Loyall Adventure upon the 7th Inst Octr Vizt.

Madapollam	...	...	...	...	Bales 14 Severall Sorts.
Metchlepatam	...	...	...	...	Bales 37.
Pettepollee	...	...	...	...	Bales 64.
Saltpeetre	...	...	...	...	Baggs 493.
Lead	...	...	...	...	Piggs 22.

For^{t} St George, the 10th October 1687. Errors Excepted. JOHN LITTLETON.

10. Three Englishmen cast ashoar att Enor to be buried there. Ships & Boats lost at Palliacat.

The President having information that three English men, were cast upon the Shoar, att Enor, he order'd the Clerk to go thether, and bury them, and itt is supposed, that these are part of the five missing in the Loyall Adventures crew.

A report in Town that Seven Ships and Severall Boats were cast away in the late Storm att Palliacat.

Bill given for Pago 3500.

A Bill given for Pago 3500 payable to Mr John Styleman, the p^{mo} March next att ten p Cent Intrest p Annum.

12. Ship Cesar returned into this Road. Letter from Madana Anta Pontolo.

This morning Ship Cœsar which was drove from her Anchors in the late Storm the 7th Instant, returned into this Road having escaped with the loss of her Main Mast.

Recd a Letter from Madana Anta Pontolo to the President demanding what Saved from the Wreks of the Duan.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

THURSDAY. 13.

Bag of private Letters found. to be dried & brought next Consultation day.

A Bagg of private Letters being found accidentally and brought to the Councill, which upon view, Seem to contain matters of weight, & concern to the Rt Honble Compa but being so wett that we could not well peruse, those open, they were return'd to the persons that brought them, to dry & return them next Consultation day, with their report on Oath how & where they met with them.

No news of the Gold Box.

Strict enquiries to be continued.

The Justices were also enquired of, what Success they had in their Search after the Gold box, Supposed to be cast away from the Loyall Adventure upon this Shoar, who telling us no news thereof, were again recharged to continue their strict enquiries, & use all possible care in the discovery. There was many other things discoursed of & debated, but nothing resolv'd on.

Genll to Surat read. and past.

A Generall to Suratt dated this day read & past.

Mr Higginson delivers his report.

Mr Nathaniell Higginson delivers his Report, (relating to the French Padrees Petition, deliver'd the 8th Inst) which is enterd next after this Consultation.

ELIHU YALE.
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JOHN STABLES Secry.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1687.*—— [13TH.]

To the Honble Elihu Yale Esqr
President &c^a Councill.

Coppy of Mr Higginsons report.

Whereas Nicholas Charmott a French Padree, has this day given in a Petition, representing the loss of a Gold Box containing Letters, and a List of Presents to his Maj^ty of Great Brittain & a Silver Box with Letters &c^a for the Duke of Venice, which were committed to him for conveighance, & put into a Chest of his own laden aboard the Ship Loyall Adventure, which Ship being cast away, & the Said Nicholas Charmott finding one of the Said Lists in my hands, doth Suppose the Boxes & Letters &c^a must be also Safe, & therefore desires your Hon^r &c^a to make Scrutiny thereinto. And your Hon^r &c^a having order'd me to discover what I know thereof, I do hereby declare the whole that I know of the matter Viz^t.

That going down to the Sea Side this morning early, & finding the Ship Loyall Adventure cast ashoar near the South end of the Mucquaw Town, & the broaken peices of the Ship, Chests, Boxes & goods lying all along the shoar, from that place to the Sea Gate, and a very great number of black people & Portuguez scattered up and down, whom I suspected came to Steal, I gott as many Peons & Cooleys as I could, & Sett them to work, to gather together, what lay upon the shoar, into Severall heaps for their better security, & passing by a Mussula, which lay a little leaning upon the shoar, near the place where the Ship was cast away, I cast my eye accidentally into the Mussula, & there Saw nothing but a paper lying unfolded, and the endorsment uppermost, & transiently reading these words "His Maj^ty of great Brittain" I was curious to See the paper, and so drew itt out of the Mussula with a Stick, & finding the endorsment to be as I remember "a List of Presents for his Maj^ty of great Brittain" did indeavour to read the paper, but the Wind blew so hard I could not hold itt open long enough, to read the whole contents, & so folded itt up as I went along, by which time I mett with Mr Lucas, & the Said French Padre, standing together, & the Said French Padre seeing the Indorsment, as I held the paper in my hand, snatch'd itt out of my hand & Said 'twas his. And I declare that I know nothing more concerning the Said List, nor do I know, nor have heard anything of the Padres Chest, or the Boxes, Presents or Letters mentioned in his Petition, till he now Spoak of itt himself to your Hon^r &c^a.

Fort St. George,
8th October 1687.

NATH: HIGGINSON.

October the 13th 1687.
Jurat Coram me.

ELIHU YALE.

Mr John Davis & Mr Ralph Ingram arrived from Coodaloor. 13. Mr Davis & Ingram from Coodaloor.

This morning about one a Clock Ship Loyall Captain returned into this Road, having escaped the late Storme. 14. Loyall Capt returnd into this Road.

This being his Maj^ty the King of Englands birth day, there was 3 Vollies of Small Shot & 29 peices of Ordnance fired. His Majties birth day.

A Letter from the President to Madana Anta Pontolo (being in answer to one rec^d from him the 12th Ins^t) approved. translated, Signed & Sent forward. Letter to Madana Anta Pontolo.

This morning the Peons that were Sent to the Northward & in the evening those Sent to the Southward returned, having found nothing drove ashoar from the Ships cast away, & brought back with them the Letters from the President, directed to the Govern^rs, Avaldars &c^a. Peons return'd finding nothing drove ashoar.

Reported that the Danes att Trincombar have lost in the late Storm, most of their Europe Ships, & other Prizes taken on the Coast of India, and here, with the greatest part of their not well gott purchases. 15. Ships lost att Trincombar.

[15TH.]

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1687.*——

Resolution from England. Packets p̄ Resolution.

Ship Resolution Capt William Sharpe Commander arrived here from England, & brought the following Letters &c^{a} from the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} Viz^{t} A Packett containing Comp^{as} Generall to the Fort dated the 8th Aprill 1687. Coppy Comp^{as} Generalls to ditto p̄ the Williamson dated 7, 10th & 22th January 168$\frac{6}{7}$ with 3 Lists of goods, Coppy Comp^{as} Gen^{ll} to ditto of the 9th ffebruary 168$\frac{6}{7}$ Duplicate Comp^{as} Gen^{ll} to the Fort dated 22th & 23th March 168$\frac{6}{7}$ Invoyce of goods p̄ the Resolution, Bill of Lading ditto, Coppy of ditto's Charterparty, Muster of a Neck Cloth Stript with Red, Coppy of the Cargo of the Andaluzia, Petition of Mr Edward Ord, & his Letter, with Coppy of the Order of the Prerogative Court, concerning the estate of Mr Ord deceased. List of the free merchants permitted to reside att Fort St George, as free Merchants, and of Such Gentlewomen, as are licensed, to take passage thether, List of Bullion Sent on private trade, List of goods laden on acc^{t} of private trade, (Sent a part) Comp^{as} Indulgence of trade to Factors &c^{a} Comp^{as} Generall to Surat dated 8th Aprill 1687 with coppies of the Comp^{as} Letters to ditto dated the 3rd ffebru^{ry}, & 23th March 168$\frac{6}{7}$ & Cargo of the Andaluzia to be Sent forward for Surat, Comp^{as} Gen^{ll} to the Bay dated the 8th of Aprill 1687, with coppy of the Comp^{as} Gen^{ll} to d^{to} dated 7th Jan^{ry} 168$\frac{6}{7}$ with three Lists of Bay Goods, & coppy of the Andaluzia's Cargo. A Small Packett containing Comp^{as} Generall to the Fort dated the 20th Aprill 1687. Order of Court touching China goods &c^{a} dated 20th Aprill 1687. Another Small Packet containing Comp^{as} Gen^{ll} to the Fort dated 18th Aprill 1687. Coppy of the decree of the Admiralty for condemnation of the Andaluzia, List of private goods on the Resolution, A Single Letter from the Comp^{a} to the Fort dated 8th Aprill 1687. On said Ship came 8 of the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Servants, 4 freemen & 10 Women Viz^{t}.

Rt Honble Compas Servants p̄ Ship Resolution.

Mr Benj^{a} Chadwick.	Factors.	
Mr John Foquet.		
Mr Herbert Sawyer.		
Enoch Walsh.	Writers.	Mrs Sarah Betsworth.
Mathew Bryan.		Mrs Eliz^{a} Price.
Michael Clipsham.		Mrs Rebecca Bugden.
Jonathan White.		
Mathew Mildmay.	Freemen.	Mrs Frances Russell.
Mr Thomas Betsworth.		Mrs Elenor Naylor.
Mr John Spencer.		Mrs Eliz^{a} Cary.
Mr Charles Barwell.		Mrs Ann Baker.
Mr James Coventry.		Mrs Elizabth Tillotson.
		Mrs Kathar^{n} Hicks.
		Mrs Elizabth Winton.

Freeman p̄ Resolution.

Women p̄ Resolution.

15. Letter from two Moor men. News of the Mogulls taking Gulcondah.

Rec^{d} a Letter from Ahadaed Cawn and Walledaed Cawn to the President dated this day, advising of the Mogulls taking Gulcondah Eighteen dayes since, and that the Mogull had given the Governm^{t} of the Carnat Country to Mahomed Ebrahim, and that he was comeing down, to posess himself of itt, they promise great friendship.

SATTERDAY 15.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRÃO.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY S^{R}
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Packets p̄ Resolution perused. Invoyce &c^{a} delivered to the Councill. Treasure to bee unladen.

The Severall Packetts p̄ Ship Resolution were opened & perused, as also the Severall papers rec^{d} with them, the Invoyce Bill of Lading &c^{a} delivered to those persons of Councill, whose charge are to take care thereof, And in consideration of the lateness & danger of the Season, & the late Sad disaster, Itt is ordered that the Warehouskeeper do unlade the Treasure as Soon as possible, and more parti-

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cularly the four Chests of Gold, to be Sent for ashoar by some Secure good conveyance, well buoyed, either this evening or tomorrow morning. particularly the Gold.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R. FREEMAN.
THO. WAVELL.
NAT. HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Sec^TY.

16.

Rec^d a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 12th Ins^t with Invoyce of 211 Bales laden on the Royall James, Mr Hall and Mr Swynoke's report, of the resorting their Bales, Capt Cook &^ca^ Officers declaration of damage in Ship Royall James, & Mr Cranwells acc^t of his proceedings att Trincombar, they also give an acc^t of a violent Storm there, which begun the 6th Ins^t and continued to the eighth. Genll &ca from Coodaloor.

Mr Christopher Willson & Thomas Constable arrived from Coodaloor. Mr. Willson & Constable from Coodaloor.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present MUNDAY 17.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
Mr JOHN GRAY S^R^ JOHN BIGGS
Mr JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
Mr THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

The R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ Generalls of the 22th & 23th March, two of the 8th Aprill 18th & 20th ditto &c^a^ papers, were again perused & considered of, & their Severall Orders therein, appointed to bee observed as farr as possible, & that their order of Court concerning the China trade be published in English, Portuguez, Moors & Gentue, & affixed upon the Gates, that all persons may have full knowledge of the priviledge, & lade as they shall find convenient. Rt. Honble Compas Genlls again perused and considered. Rt. Honble Compas orders to be observ'd. Order of Court about the China trade to he published.

Order'd that Mr Thomas Wavell Storekeeper do go aboard the Resolution & Muster the Ships company, & give us his report thereof. Mr. Wavell to Muster the Resolutions men.

Having advice that the Mogull has taken Gulcondah, and that some of his Forces are come to Conjeveron, & this Garrison being ill provided with Souldiers, & many of those by the Resolution dead & Sick, we do agree for the Security of this place, to entertain what Lascars, Rashwars & Rashpoots, can be procured. Of the Mogulls taking Gulcondah. Lascars, Rashwars, & Rashpoots to be entertain'd.

The Judge Advocate having recommended to us a Rule of Court, for the better Security of the Inhabitants, & absent Creditors, by an equall devission of the estates of insolvent Debitors, Itt was read, approved of, & order'd to be published, itt being the former practice of this Court. A Rule of Court recommended by the Judge Advocate. To hee published.

Order'd that the four Chests of Gold brought ashoar from the Resolution be weighed, by Mr Littleton Warehouskeeper, Mr Wavell Mintmaster, Mr Fraser & Mr Johnson Assay Master, & delivered to the Mint, & that they take all due care in the weight & coynage, according to the R^t Honble Comp^as^ former & present orders therein. Four Chests of Gold to be weighed & deliver'd to the Mint. Due care to be taken in the weight and coynage.

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Mr. Davis sent for to the Councill. orderd to prepare for examination.

Hearing Mr John Davis late Chief of Coodaloor, was come to Town, the Councill sent for him, & order'd him to prepare himself, against next Consultation day, for an examination of his & Mr Cawley's charge against each other, Mr. Cawley also was advised the Same.

Consideration about Bengall. Resolution to be sent thether.

In consideration of the present Season of the year, the late peace made in Bengall, their want of Stock, & the Rt Honble Compas pressing orders for Bengall goods, Itt is order'd that the Resolution be dispatcht thether as Soon as possible, the Pilotts advising that 'tis attainable Via Arraccan, & that only the following goods be taken ashoar, the rest to bee continued for Said place, with all the Silver that was detained here to pay our debts to the Metchlepatam & Madapollam Merchants.

What continued aboard.

What to be brought ashoar.

Gold four Chests.	Medicines 2 Chests.
Factors provissions 4 Chests.	Canary 22 Chests.

with what necessary Stores that are wanting here.

P 1000 to be pd Mr. Higginson. Genll to Surat read & past.

Order'd that Pag" 1000 be paid Mr Nathaniell Higginson Paymaster Generall to defray Charges Garrison &ca.

A Generall Letter to Surat dated this day read and past.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R. FREEMAN.
THO. WAVELL.
NAT. HIGGINSON.
WILL. FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

18. Letter from two Moormen. Mogulls Flag Sett upon Pullemelee Fort.

Recd a Letter to the President from Ahadaed Cawn, & Walledaed Cawn no date advising that the Mogulls Flag was Sett upon Pulimelee Fort, that Nabob Pottycawn had the Governm[t] of the Country that lies on this side Guttum and Conjeveron, & desire us to Secure what Braminees wee could & permitt none to go away by Sea from hence or St Thomá.

THURSDAY 20.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY — SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON — MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL — MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Concerning the Mintage Mr. Johnson Assaymaster still sick.

Mr Thomas Wavell Mintmaster, having writt to Mr James Johnson Assay Master (now att St Thomas's Mount for recovery of his health) acquainting him, that the Rt Honble Compas Gold was weighed off, and delivered into the Mint, to be Coyned, therefore desired his attendance here, to look after itt, & do his duty therein, whose answer is, that he is still under a course of Phisick, & would come to Town, if possible next week, which being uncertain, Itt is thought convenient not to loose So much time, but that the Mintmaster do proceed upon Coyning the Gold with all expedition punctually observing the Rt Honble Companys rules therein.

Mintmaster to Coyn the Gold.

A List & vallnation of Ship Nugdees goods. Delivered the Accomptant.

Mr John Littleton &ca that were appointed to vallue the goods taken in Ship Nugdee, do now give in a List of Said goods, with their valluation thereon, which was delivered the Accomptant to make up that acct by.

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Mr John Littleton, Mr Thomas Wavell & Mr William Fraser report the weight of four Chests of Gold, received p̄ the Resolution & delivered to the Mint Vizt.— Report of the weight of four Chests of Gold.

	oz.	dwt.	gr.		dwt.	gr.
Chest N° B poiz	3058 :	07 :	04	which is	07 :	20 short of Invoyce.
Chest N° C poiz	2952 :	18 :	04	which is	10 :	20 short of Invoyce.
Chest N° D poiz	2898 :	08 :	—	which is	13 :	— short of Invoyce.
Chest N° E poiz	2655 :	13 :	06	which is	04 :	18 short of Invoyce.

Having had great mortallity in the Bay, Itt is order'd that Eight ffactors & Writers be Sent to their assistance Vizt Mr Edmund Mountague Mr Benjamin Chadwick, Mr John Foquet, Mr Herbert Sawyer ffactors, Edward Barren, Mathew Bryan, Michael Clipsham, & Jonathan White Writers, who were sent for, & being encouraged thereto, exprest their willingness to go, So were order'd to be ready in few dayes. Four ffactors & four writers to be sent to the Bay.

Mr Davis & Mr Cawley were Sent for about the examination of their charges, but we having much other business, & that requiring much time, Itt is order'd that tuesday next be appointed for the hearing that business, that they may have the more time, to prepare themselves, and that all papers, Books or Consultations relating thereto be Shewed them if they desire itt. Tuesday next appointed to exa Mr Davis & Mr Cawley's charges. To have a Sight of all Books &ca relating thereto, if desired.

Mr James Harding was sent for to the Councill & question'd about a late Scurrilous, insolent paper given in, where he Saith that he could not be heard in his own, nor the Rt Honble Compas behalf, but being asked when he was denied either, his answer was, that he meant no such thing, Itt was also demanded of him to informe us what he knew of any wrongs, or injuries done the Rt Honble Compa either in Bengall or here, & to particularize the facts & persons, whose reply was, that he would not discover any thing, without we would comply with his unreasonable idle tearms, of reentertaining him as he pleased, & to Secure him in that employment & from the Rt Honble Compas displeasure, notwithstanding what they should order to the contrary. But afterwards Said he would give all he knew of those things in writing. Concerning James Harding's Scurrilous insolent paper.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
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THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

20. Ship Loyall Captne Capt Francis Eldred Commander Sailed for Acheen. Loyall Capt Sailed for Acheen.

21. Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 16th Inst advising that thô they had sent Peons along the Sea Side, could hear of nothing drove ashoar, that their Merchants had store of goods by them, all of the old stamp, few comeing up to Muster, but promise to bring in better, that they do not hear any news of the fugitives from the Royall James, & that they would secure what Europe men they could meet with for the Ships. Generall from Coodaloor.

Recd three Letters from Trincombar, Vizt One from the Secretary to the President dated 6th Inst being a Slight answer to two Letters sent the Commissary, Another from Capt Batten to the Commissary dated 15th Janury 1687, begging his pardon, the third from a Captain that commanded the Ships that abused Mr Richard Harbin off Portonovo ; to the Commissary dated the 6th Inst wholy denying doing any such thing. Three Letters from Trincombar.

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Ship Cæsar sailed for Surat.

Ship Cæsar Joseph Wale Master Sailed for Surat.

Generall from Coodaloor.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 18th Ins^{t} inclosing a Letter from Mr Milton att Trincombar, & advising that the Commissary & Senr Axell Juell embarqued the 9th Instant.

Letter from Mr Richard Milton from Trincombar. Madras Frigat forced in there. He desires our Orders &ca. Met the Commissary of Trincombar bound for Europe.

Rec^{d} a Letter from Mr Richard Milton dated att Trincombar the 13th Ins^{t} (who was bound in the Madras Frigat for the West Coast) advising of their meeting with the late violent storm, of their loosing their Main Mast and Mizon & springing their fore Mast, that they were forced in there to repair, that he fears the greatest part of her Cargo is damaged, & many Slaves wash'd over board, desiring our orders how to proceed, & some Pagodas to pay for provissions & necessarys wanting, and that standing in for that place, they mett with the Commissary with three Ships more bound for Europe who spared them a small Cask of water, they having been seven days without a drop of fresh water.

23. Generall from Conimeer. No news of any goods drove ashoar. Proposall for a new Investmt.

Royall James in Sight of that Factory. Mr Price desires leave to come to the Fort.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Conimeer dated 19th Ins^{t} advising that they had sent Northward & Southward but could hear no news of any goods drove ashoar, that with much trouble, they had brought their Merchants to undertake a new Investment, to be brought in by the end of January next to the am^{t} of Forty Thousand Pagodas in course goods, & to take Pag^{o} 8000 in broad Cloth ordinary red, but they will give no more then Pag^{o} 20 p̃ half piece thô they prest them for their former usuall prises, the remaining 32000 to be paid them in Pagodas, but if they must take part Silver, then they will bring in Pag^{o} 30000 by that time, & Pag^{o} 10000 by the 20th of February ensuing, the Silver they have remaining now their old Debts are paid is about Pag^{o} 23769: 17:—& the rest must be in ready Pag^{o}. They advise that the Royall James past by there four dayes before, but the Current runing strong, drove her back to the Southward, where she now lies in Sight of the Factory, Mr Price desires leave to come to the Fort, to See his Sister lately arrived from England.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 24.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY S^{R} JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Concerning refitting the gadras Fricat, att Trincombar. P 300 to be sent to Coodaloor for that purpose. Mr Hall or Mr Swynoke to take care & render an acct of itt. If capable to come to Coodaloor. Damaged goods to bee cured.

Having rec^{d} a Letter from Mr Richard Milton att Trincombar, dated the 15th Ins^{t} advising of the Madras Frigats being forc't in there, to repair, meeting with the late violent Storm, wherein she lost her Main Mast & Mizon, & Sprung her fore Mast, damaging (as he fears) most of their goods, Itt is order'd that Pag^{o} 300 be Sent to Coodaloor for that purpose & that they send Mr Hall or Mr Swynock to take care of itt, & render an acc^{t} thereof, but in case the Ship is capable, that she come to Coodaloor, where she may be conveniently fitted, & att more reasonable rates then att Trincombar, & that the damaged goods be washed & cured.

Generalls &ca read & past. P300 sent to Coodaloor.

A Generall to Coodaloor, to Mr Milton &c^{a} att Trincombar and a Letter from the President to the Governour of Trincombar, dated this day read & past, & Sent forward with Pag^{o} 300 to Coodaloor for refitting the Madras Frigat, & Supplying her with necessarys.

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Concerning rownd Pepper.

Considering the great Tonnage upon our hands, & the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ orders for the Lading & sending them, as much round Pepper as possibly could be procured, we in pursuance thereof, wrot to our Severall Factorys, & other places in the Country to provide as much as possibly could be had, & att the easiest rates, and by advices from all those parts, wee Suppose there may bee procured 200 Tons, for which the Merchants first demands was Pag^o^ 27 ℔ Candy, but by their earnest treaty & perswasions have brought them to their lowest tearms, as they advise us Pag^o^ 25 ℔ Candy, which being now put to the Question, whether we should accept itt att that rate, itt was resolved in the negative, in consideration of the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ possitive Order in the 26th Paragraph in their Generall of the 22th October 1686 wherin they possitivly order, that we should not exceed Pag^o^ 17 ℔ Candy, and think that rate very unreasonable.

Price of round Pepper P 27 ℔ Candy. Lowest price Pago 25 ℔ Candy. Resolved not to buy itt att that price. Rt Honble Compa order not to exceed Pago 17 ℔ Candy.

Consideration abont the Conimeer proposall for a new Investment.

Having rec^d^ advices from Conimeer about their treatys with their Merchants, upon a Small contract of goods, according to the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ list, which they have spent much time on, & assure us to be effected with great difficulty, the Substance of which is as followeth, That their Merchants would contract for Pag^o^ 40000, taking Pag^o^ 8000 in Broad Cloth ordina^ry^ red, to be brought in by the end of January, if they are paid the remaining 32000 in Pagodas, but if they must take part in Silver then they will bring in no more then Pag^o^ 30000 by Said time, & the other Pag^o^ 10000 by the 20th ffebruary ensuing in the following goods Viz^t^.

Long Cloth ordinary	Pag^o^	8000
Sallampores ordinary	,,	8000
Comzalus	,,	8000
Neckcloths 16 to a peice	,,	8000
Cotton, Cottonyarn & Indigo	,,	8000
	P.	40000

to contract for no more then Pago 30000. the tearms they are to cantract on.

But upon consideration thereof, and the great Stock we have sent to the Bay, and the small matter wee have left ourselves, Itt is order'd that they bee advised to contract for no more then Pag^o^ 30000 to be brought in by the end of January next, for which to take Pag^o^ 10000 in Europe goods, in proportion to our Severall Sorts, Pag^o^ 10000 in Silver, & Pag^o^ 10000 as Soon as Coyned, and they agree to bring in goods as followeth, agreeable to the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ List Sent this year.

Long Cloth ordinary white...	Pag^o^	7000
Ditto brown	,,	2000
Ditto blew	,,	2000
Ditto fine	,,	2000
Sallampores ord^ry^ good measure	,,	6000
Ditto brown	,,	1000
Neckcloths 16 in a peece 3 Coveds...	,,	2000
Ditto ordinary red Striped	,,	1000
Comzaloos	,,	4000
Cotton Yarn & Indico & Logwood	,,	3000
	P.	30000

Report of the Muster of Ship Resolutions men.

Mr Thomas Wavell reports the Muster of Ship Resolutions men to bee 123 living 6 dead.

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Sea Customers Accompts for August.

The Sea Customer Mr Robert Freeman his Book of Accompts for the months of August & Septr read & past as followeth.

August.

Sea Custome...	Pago	366 : 01 : 72
Custome of Slaves	,,	3 : – : –
Anchoridge	,,	67 : 18 : –
Godown rent	,,	4 : 14 : 50
		P. 440 : 34 : 22

for September.

September.

Sea Custome	Pago	489 : 23 : 79
Custome of Slaves	,,	665 : – : –
Anchoridge	,,	66 : – : –
Godown rent	,,	5 : 03 : 50
		P. 1225 : 27 : 29

Mr. Gray delivers his Attestations about a bag of Letters found. Said Letters to be sent for England. Mr. Grays affidavit enter'd in the Coppy Book of Letters recd.

Mr John Gray delivers in his Attestations of a Bagg of Letters found upon the Strand, from the Loyall Adventures rack, & being from the Rt Honble Compas declared enemies att Siam, & probably may containe Something, that may greatly import them, it's therefore order'd that they be Sent to England by the first conveyance, as recd to be disposed of according to their Honrs pleasure, which papers Mr John Gray has declared upon Oath, to have recd att the Sea Side, from John Thomas, according to his affidavitt enter'd in the Book of Letters recd.

Genll to Bengall & Ship Resolutions dispatch thether not dated.

Generall to Bengall dated this day read & past, As also Ship Resolutions dispatch thether not dated.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R. FFREEMAN.
THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

ATT A CONSULTTATION EXTRAO

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

TUESDAY 25.

Land Customers Acct for September.

The Land Customer Mr William Fraser his Book of Accompts for the month of September read and past as followeth.

Land Custome	Pago	137 : 25 : –
Weighers duty	,,	1 : 09 : 28
Choultry Customes	,,	36 : 35 : –
Measurers duty	,,	98 : 20 : –
Banksall Toll	,,	– : 25 : 08
Botica Rents for 3 months	,,	46 : 17 : –
License mony recd in part	,,	64 : – : –
Registring of Slaves	,,	– : 20 : –
		P. 386 : 02 : 36

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[25TH.] Generall to Conimeer.

Generall to Conimeer dated this day read & past, ordring them to contract with their Merchants as agreed yesterdays Consultation or to trouble us no more about them, & advising them that wee cannot exceed Pag° 17 p̃ Candy for Pepper.

Four Articles of Mr Cawleys charge against Mr Davis Examined.

Mr Davis & Mr Cawley being come to Councill, other business was laid by, & proceeded to examine Mr Cawleys charge against Mr John Davis, begining att the 6th Article, where the late President & Councill left off, & dispatcht the 7th, 8th & 9th Articles, as enter'd att the end of this Consultation Book.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN GRAY.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
R. FFREEMAN.
THO : WAVELL.
NAT : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Secry

26 Mr. Christopher Willson died.

This afternoon att 5 a Clock died Mr Christopher Willson Factor.

27. Letter from Mr Milton & Capt Wallis att Trincombar. they draw a Bill on us for P. 60.

Recd a Letter from Mr Richd Milton & Capt John Wallis dated att Trincombar 17th Inst advising to have landed 6 Chests of Silver & were landing all the Bales, they being much damaged with Salt water, & that they had drawn a Bill upon the President & Councill for Pag° 60 payable to Mr John Afflœck, being to provide necessarys for the Rt Honble Compas Ship Madras Frigatt.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 27.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

William Penniston taken ashoar.

William Penniston Midshipman aboard the Resolution having made his request to serve the Rt Honble Compa ashoar, & there being leave from England to take him out of the Ship Itt is order'd that the Secretary do give the Commander an Order to clear him & that he be employ'd according to his recommendation & merrits, upon the first occation.

Bill for P 60 drawn by Mr Milton and Capt Wallis. Order'd to bee paid.

Mr Richard Milton & Capt John Wallis having drawn a Bill upon us dated att Trincombar the 17th Inst for Pago 60 payable to Mr John Afflœck, for the vallue they recd there of Trincama Chitte, for the necessary expences & repairs of the Rt Honble Compas Ship Madras Frigatt, which is order'd to be paid.

Brown cloth to be measured & washed to clear the Merchts debt.

Chinna Vencatadry & Compa being Debtors to the Rt Honble Compa upon the last contract near Pago 2000 who acquainting us that they had course goods come to the Godown, Itt is order'd that the Warehouskeeper do measure & hasten the washing, that they may be ready to lade upon the Royall James for England, when She arrives he[re] from the Southward.

Sir John Biggs to receive the revenue of this Citty. Assistants appointed him.

Sr John Biggs not having much Law business att present Itt is order'd that he take the charge of receiving the Citty revenues, and that the Land Customer, the Register, and a Writer bee appointed to his assistance therein.

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JOHN STABLES Secry.

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Letter from four English men att Trincoa bar.

Rec[d] a Letter from 4 Englishmen dated att Trincombar 15th Ins[t] advising that the Govern[r] was willing to release them, they paying their Debts, which is two months pay rec[d] there, & requesting to have itt done, they being willing & desirous to Serve the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a].

27. Letter from Potty Cawn. Mogulls taking Gulcondah. King Imprisoned by him. Cossim Cawn Governour. Mogulls Flag Sett up att all Forts.

Rec[d] a Letter from Subidar Potty Cawn to the President dated att Changalaput October 1687 advising of the Mogulls taking Gulcondah Fort & Imprisoning the King, of the Mogulls sending his Phirmaund to Cosim Cawn to take the Government of this Country, and that by his order he had Sett up the Mogulls Flag att all the Forts, he promises great friendship.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRÃO

Present

SATTERDAY 29.

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR	
MR JOHN GRAY	S[R] JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR ROBERT FREEMAN
M[R]	MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.	

Mr Browns Bill for P 162 : 16 orderd to be paid. More mony o bee remitted thether by Exchange.

The other Bill of Exchange which Mr Richard Browne Chief of Vizagapatam drew on us the 28th of last month, for Pag[o] 162 : 16 : being now brought, Itt is order'd to bee paid, & that more money bee remitted thether by Exchange, as oppertunity offers, for provission of Neckcloths, Sallampores, Stript Beteelæs &c[a] according to the R[t] Honble Compánys List.

Concerning the Lotter from Potty Cawn Subidar.

Having rec[d] a Letter from Potty Cawn Commission'd by the Mogull to be Sobidar of this part of the Country, & Governour of Changalaput Fort as formerly, who advises us, that the Mogull has certainly taken Gulcondah Castle, & the King prisoner, & that all the considerable Forts, and Townes in this Country, have already admitted the Mogulls Coulors & Government, the Townes of Palliacat & St Thomá our nearest neighbours having also Submitted thereto, he also intimating to us the ceremony & Solemnity that was generally performed att the news of the Conquest, implicitly desiring & expecting the Same from us, which being a matter of no great weight or charge & may oblige them, & the neglect do us a prejudice Itt is agreed & order'd that the Serv[ts] that brought the Letter, be Tasherift with Perpetuanos, & that 15 Guns be fired att the delivery of the Presidents Letter to them, & Twenty Marcall of Paddy given among the poor, in respect to their Customes in Such cases.

Servants that brought the Letter to be Tasherift. Guns to be fired att delivery of the Presidents Letter to them. Paddy to be given to the poor.

Resolutions dispatch delivered.

Ship Resolutions dispatch for Bengall read & past the 24th Ins[t] was this day dated, & delivered to the Commander Cap[t] William Sharpe.

P. 1000 to be paid Mr Higginson.

Order'd that Pag[o] 1000 be paid M[r] Nathaniell Higginson Paymaster Generall, to defray Charges Garrison &c[a].

Letter to Potty Cawn Subidar. Geulls to Coodaloor & Conimeer.

Letter from the President to Potty Cawn, Sobidar of this part of the Country, att Changalaput, & Generalls to Coodaloor & Conimeer all dated this day read and past.

Peons appointed to the Councill.

There having been Some discourse about Setling attendance of Peons to the Councill, which is agreed & order'd as followeth Viz[t] To the Governour 20 Peons, To the Second 6 Peons, To the Judge 5 Peons & 2 Talliars To the Warehouskeeper 4 Peons, To the chief Justice & Customer 3 Peons & 2 Talliars, The rest of

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the Councill 2 Peons and 1 Talliar each, to be constantly att their dispose, except Some extraordinary occation requires them to other Service.

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29. Generall from Coodaloor.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated 24th Inst advising that their Merchants Still brought in goods no better then the former, which has caused them to make a totall cessation for the present, they send us Coppy of their Consultations & Dyary, Acct Cash & Pursers expences, for the month of September, they desire some ffactors provissions & Medecines for use of the Factory.

They forbear Sorting.

The weather proving extraordinary rainy the Councill did not meet.

MUNDAY. 31. No Consultation. Pmo. [NOVEMBER].

Ship Resolution Capt William Sharpe Commander sailed hence for the Bay of Bengall.

Resolution sailed for Bengall.

WENSDAY 2. Eight Articles of Mr Cawleys charge against Mr Davis examined.

This morning the Councill mett, and laying by other business, proceeded upon examination of the 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17 Articles of Mr Cawleys charge against Mr John Davis as enter'd att the end of this Consultation Book.

THURSDAY 3. Mr Davis his charge against Mr Cawley examined.

This morning the Councill mett and laying by other business, proceeded upon examination of Mr John Davis his charge against Mr Willm Cawley as enter'd att the end of this Consultation Book.

4. Generall to Vizagapatam.

Generall to Vizagapatam dated this day approved and signed to bee sent by the Peons that are to go to Bengall.

5. Postscript to Bengall duplicate.

Postscript to Bengall added to the Duplicate of the Generall thether dated the 24th past approved & signed, & the Peons dispatcht.

Pearle from Pettepollee. Great contagion in those parts. News of the taking Gulcondah. 400 horsemen came to Metchlepatam from the Mogull Tasherifs for French & Dutch but orders to seiz the English. Two English Seamen Passengers.

The Pearle William Harrison Master arrived here, who waiting upon the President acquainted him of his last coming from Pettepollee, where he Safely rode out the late Storm, which by his report was not so violent there as here, But that there was a very great contagion in those parts, which has depopulated many Towns, & wholy ruin'd trade there, there being Scarce people enough left to Sow or reap their little harvest, he also advises us that upon his departure from Pettepollee, there came news that Gulcondah was certainly taken, that four hundred Horsemen were come to Metchlepatam, from the Mogull, with Tasherifs for the Dutch and French, and Strict orders to seiz and Secure all Englishmen, & their concernes, & before he left Pettepollee, they had stopt some goods of an Englishmans, which they cleared by force, That hee recd out of a Dutch Boat two English Seamen, that desired passage hither.

5. Gunpowder Treason day.

This being Gunpowder treason day the usuall Solemnity was observ'd.

6. Said two Seamen confined.

The Governour having Suspition of the Two Seamen that came by Ship Pearle yesterday, had them to examination and found reason to confine them.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 7.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH : HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Mr Cheney's Acct for July.

The late Storekeeper Mr John Cheney his Acct of Stores bought, Sold & expended for the month of July last, read and past.

Justices deliver Attestation concerning the Gold Box.

Mr Robert Freeman &ca Justices deliver in their Attestation, concerning their enquiry after the Gold box, Said by the French Padree to be lost in the Loyall Adventure, as enter'd next after this Consultation.

Mintmaster acct for Septr & Octr.

The Mintmaster Mr Thomas Wavell his Book of Accompts for Mintage duties of particular persons Gold coyned in the months of September and October read and past as followeth.

Coyned in September	Pago 11136 att ½ p Ct	Pago 55	: 24 : 40.
in October	Pago 15674 att ½ p Ct	„ 78	: 13 : 43.

Storekeepers acct for Septembr.

The Storekeeper Generall Mr Thomas Wavell his Accompt of Stores bought, Sold & expended, for the month of September read and past.

Mr Cheney's acct of Stores delivered the Rt Honble Compa Ships & Sloops. Order'd to be charg'd accordingly.

Mr John Cheney late Storekeeper giving in the 4th Inst an Accompt of Stores delivered to the Rt Honble Compas Ships & Sloops from Septr 1686 to last Septemr which being omitted to be given in, in due time, Itt is order'd that the Accomptant do now charge them to the Severall Vessells particularized in Said Accompt.

Paymasters acct for Septr.

The Paymaster Generall Mr Nathaniell Higginson his Book of Accompts for the month of Septemr read & past as followeth.

Charges Garrison	Pago	800 : 13 : 2
Charges Generall	„	445 : 16 : 5
Charges Diett	„	367 : 20 :—
Charges Extraordinary	„	29 : 07 : 0
Charges Cattle	„	29 : 02 : 3
Charges Merchandise	„	87 : 33 : 5
Accoft Fortifications & Repairs	„	77 : 30 : 4
Bengall Expedition	„	66 : 04 : 1
Expedition to Tenasseree	„	85 : 19 : 4
Priaman Settlement	„	241 : 08 : 4
	Pago	2230 : 12 : 4

P. 600 to be paid Mr Higginson.

Order'd that Pago 600 be paid Mr Nathaniell Higginson Paymaster Generall to defray Charges Garrison &ca.

Concerning the two Seamen that come from Pettepollee.

The Governour having notice of two Strange Seamen lately come to Town, that were very profuse in their expences, & boasted to have much money, therefore sent for & examined them to what Ship they last belonged, & from whence they came, who being very doubtfull & contradictory in their relation, was a reason to confine them, who afterwards upon better information, proved to be two of those Sixteen men that run away from the Royall James att Trimlevas, & there took a Country Boat by force, after robbing Severall Vessells of considerable Summs of mony & goods, whoreupon the Governour & Judge Advocate took them into further examination last night, when they confest their crimes, that the mony brought hither, was part of their Piracy, as p an examination, now delivered the

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Justices, with order to enquire further thereinto, & 'tis order'd that they be imprisoned in Irons till the Royall James shall arrive here, & then to be tryed by a Court Marshall. Capt William Harrison Master of Ship Pearle on which they came from Pettepollee being sent for by the Councill to be examined about the Said two return'd fugitives, offers to depose upon Oath, that he repaid & delivered in this Road to one of them, named James Smith 25 Pag^{o} 40 Ry^{lls} ⅜ and 1 Gold Copang, & to the other named Alexander Hunter 120 Pag^{o} 28 Dollars and 1 Gold Copang, which Said mony he rec^{d} from them in Pettepollee Road upon their embarquing upon his Ship, which they denying Capt Bett & the Martiall, were order'd to enquire & Search after itt, & one Sunderland a Gunners mate being intimate with them, was Suspected to have rec^{d} & Secured the Said money, But upon examination denied with many asseverations to know any thing thereof, whereupon he was order'd to be confin'd, & his Chest in the Fort, opened & Search't, & the Key demanded, which after many evasions was deliver'd & opening Said Chest found therein Severall baggs all containing 231 Pag^{o} 68 Dollars 2 Japan Copangs &^{ca} and the said Sunderland being sent for before the Councill, own'd that he had rec^{d} said mony from the Prisoners, and that there was no more of his in Said Chest, then 12 Pag^{o} 4 Dollars & 28 fan^{s}, the rest belonging to the Prisoners, which was delivered to the Chief Justice, who with Some other of the Justices were order'd to take the Prisoners into a more particular examination, and give their reports to the Councill.

To be tryed by a Court Marshall when the Royall James arrives.
Capt Harrison examined about them.
What he offers to depose on Oath.
Search to be made after their mony.
What found in Gunners Mates Chest in the Fort.
Own'd by him to belong to the Prisoners.
Deliver'd to the Chief Justice.
Justices to take a more particular examination & report itt.

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Coppy of the Justices Attestation about the Gold Box.

Coppy Attestation about the Gold box.

According to your Hon^{r} &c^{a} Councills order, wee made our Strict enquiries for the discovery of a Gold box said to bee cast away upon Ship Loyall Adventure, Viz^{t}. That upon the first notice & charge given us, wee Searched all the Mackwar houses, as also all other places near the wreck, that could be suspected to have concealed or hidden any such thing, after which (the Seamen that belonged to Said Ship, were brought into the Fort, & there Severally & particularly examined about the Said box, both as to i'ts lading & loss & to the first they say there was a trunk laden aboard the Ship here in the Road of Madras, corded up & stood in the great Cabbin, when the Ship was cast away, untouched by any of the Ships company, as they are ready to depose upon their Oaths, but what became of itt after the ship broak, they know nothing of, also all the English & Portugues Souldiers that were Guards att the water Side, the Same time were examined, as also their Lodges & Houses, but can hear no tidings thereof, thô wee have used all ways possible for i'ts discovery, therefore do beleive, that if any such thing was driven ashoar from Ship Adventure, itt may have been found or seized by some stranger passenger that hath carried itt Some distance from the Town, but wee have Sent to all the Governours near us about itt, & have given strict charge to all the Citty Watches, Talliars, Peons, Goldsmiths & Shroffs, still to continue their Strict Search after the Said Boxes, & to acquaint us of all broken Gold, & Silver Philligrin work, the said Charmot declaring them to bee of that work, which is usually made att Manilla, & Jappan, & thus having discharged our duties to our power, wee hope none will censure us, for the want of Success therein, thô wee do not yet dispair [*sic.*] but that time may produce itt, which thô of small vallue, yet of great import to us, in consideration of the Royall Majesty t'was directed to, Given under our hands the Twenty Six day of October Anno 1687.

ROBERT FREEMAN.
NATH : HIGGINSON.

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Letter from Juggapa Pontolo.

Rec[d] a Letter from Juggapa Pontolo Avaldar of Puneree requesting the releasment of Some Juncanners that were detain'd here for stopping the people from bringing wood &c[a] to Town, As also of a Dubass, that was left in pawn by a Moor man, who had bought a horse in Town, till hee sent the mony, he not being able to comply with his bargain.

Letter to Juggapa Pontolo.

Letter from the President to Juggapa Pontolo Avaldar of Punneree, in answer to his Letter above mention'd.

8. Generall from Conimeer.

Rec[d] a Generall from Conimeer dated the 5th Instant advising that they had used their utmost endeavours, but could not prevail with their Merchants, to contract according to the List sent them, They desire some order about the Silver & Europe goods these unsetled times, They Send a List of Errors in Invoyces Sent and received.

Att a Consultation Extrãõ

Present

Elihu Yale Esq[r] President & Governour
M[r] John Gray S[r] John Biggs
M[r] John Littleton M[r] Robert Freeman
M[r] Thomas Wavell M[r] Nath: Higginson
M[r] William Fraser.

Wensday 9.

Conimeer merchants will not make a contract. The reasons they give.

Having last night rec[d] a Generall Letter from Conimeer dated the 5th Ins[t] wherein they write us that they cannot perswade their Merchants to contract according to the List Sent them the 25th of last month, agreable to the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] orders, & their reasons was that they had much Europe goods upon their hands, unsold, besides the danger of the Government, that were Seeking out to Secure themselves from the approaching danger of the Mogulls invation of that Country, being reported that Ten Thousand of the Mogulls horse are coming down with that design, which So terrifies the Merch[ts] as itt puts a Stop to all trade & business, that they dare not engage in a contract for the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a]. The Chief &c[a] also write us their own apprehensions of the danger of the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Stock att their Factory, desiring that wee will send them Some Security, for its transport or defence, & the Royall James having been for 14 dayes att Sadraspatam which is about 15 leagues distance from Conimeer, & that there will be little difference in gaining her passage from thence, as Sadraspatam, hither, Itt is thought convenient, & accordingly order'd, that the Royall James do go to Conimeer, & take in the Treasure & goods there, if the Chief and Councill shall find itt necessary, or that they cannot bring their Merchants to a compliance.

Danger of the Rt Honble Compas Stock att Conimeer. Royall James now att Sadraspatam. Orderd to go to Conimeer to secure their Stock. Proposed to send an Englishman to the Mogull. Agreed to await the answer to our former Letter.

Itt being proposed to the Councill, whether itt was necessary Since the news is confirmed of the Mogulls taking Gulcondah, to send an English man to congratulate his conquest, & to compose our differences, but haveing lately wrote to his Nabob, what could be thought convenient in our case, Itt is agreed that wee await the answer to that Letter, & to proceed according to the import of their Letter.

M[r] John Davis being Sent for to know if he had any more to offer in the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] behalf or his own, or otherwise to object against our proceedings & late examination, & that he would now declare itt to us, to which he return'd, that he had no addition or objection to make therein, he was also advised that he must give us Satisfaction, to the complaint made from Coodaloor, of the very bad Sortment of the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] cloth in his time, when the acc[t] of M[r] Hall & M[r] Swynokes Resortment was delivered him, which he was desired to consider of, Since wee must examine him about itt, and other things, whose answer was, that he had formerly perused that paper, & had nothing more to Say, but that he had Served the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] faithfully to his abillity, to which was returned that he could not pretend any deficiency in his Judgment in the Sorting of cloth,

since he had bee[n] So many years employed therein, & that wee expected a more Satisfactory answer.

The President read his Cash book for the month of Octo^{r} which was examined & past in Councill the ballance being ... ... Pag^{o} 184: 04: 5. Cash Accot for October.

Generalls to Conimeer & to Capt Richard Cooke Command^{r} of the Royall James att Sadraspatam, the contents of both as agreed upon this Consultation, & dated this day read and past. Genlls to Conimeer and to Capt Richard Cooke.

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JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

Severall occations requiring the Consultation yesterday the Councill mett not this day. THURSDAY 10. No Consultation.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Coodaloor dated 4th Ins^{t} advising the receipt of the Pag^{o} 300, & Mr Swynoke's going with itt to Trincombar, that as yet they mett with no troubles from the Government, but know not how long itt may continue, desiring us to consider their condition, being but ill provided for defence, & send them Some Succour before itt is too late, & that the three men that run away from the Resolution were there, desiring to have our Orders concerning them, they Send us coppy of their Diary and Consultations & Accompt Cash for the month of October. 11. Generall from Coodaloor.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Conimeer dated the 8th Instant, desiring leave for Mr Devett to come to the Fort, for the recvoery of his health. Generall from Conimeer.

News from the French, Dutch & other Nations, that the Mogull had taken Gulcondah Fort by Trechery the 2^{d} of last month, about Midnight, & that all the Country Submitted to his authority, That our friend Nabob Mahobat Cawn was to be Vice Roy of the Country, that upon the King of Gulcondah prostration, the Mogull had made a large discourse to him, for his corrupt Government, wherein he had been very unfaithfull, in the charge he had committed to him, in incouraging the Braminees, and discouraging the Moors, to the dishonour of their Religion, and Country whereby he had justly brought these troubles upon himself, & order'd him to be put in Chains, of which 'tis reported he was next day released. 12. News of the Mogulls taking Gulcondah Fort & King.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY — S^{R} JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON — MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL — MR NATH : HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER. MUNDAY 14.

The Land Customer Mr William Fraser his Book of Accompts for the month of October, read and past as followeth:— Land Customers acot for Octobr.

Land Custome	Pag^{o}	48 : 21 : 44
Weighers duty	„	2 : 21 : 30
Choultry Customes	„	27 : 04 : 16
Measurers duty	„	63 : 32 : 47
Banksall Toll	„	1 : 01 : 16
	Pag^{o}	143 : 08 : 89

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Dollars to bee paid for.

Order'd that Pag° 262: 30 bee paid Mutta Morra for Dollars $491\frac{3}{16}$ weighty poiz oz. 432 : 15 bought of him att Dollars $18\frac{11}{16}$ p 10 Pagod^s for Alloy for the Mint.

Concerning Capt Spencer & Doctor Heathfield.

In further pursuance of the R^t Honble Comp^{as} order in their Generall of the 22th January last, to enquire after Some goods delivered by Capt Spencer to Doct^r Heathfield, where their Hon^{rs} mention to have sent us a receipt and assignment of the Said goods, but was omitted to be Sent us, there appearing none in any Packett or List yet rec^d but Capt Spencer being now arrived upon the Resolution, wee Sent for them both togeather to examine the business, wherein Doct^r Heathfield acknowledges to have rec^d 12 Bales & 1 ffardle from Said Capt Spencer, not as the R^t Honble Comp^{as} but belonging to M^r. duJardin, & Mr Goddard, & other persons that consigned them, and were disposed as followeth, Four Bales & one Fardle of Long Cloth, with Mr Goddards mark Sold att an Outcry & made good to his acc^t also Four Bales of Beteelaes owned by, & delivered to the Coodaloor Merchants, having their Cajan tickets in the Bales, which appears to bee truth, by severall proofs att Coodaloor and here, & that after the receipt of Said Bales, Mr John Gray was desired by Said Merch^{ts} to Sue Capt Spencer for damages, they rec^d aboard his Ship, but hee being gone, could get no Satisfaction here, thô they expect itt from the Owners, the other four Bales, three of which were long cloth ordinary, under Mr du Jardins mark, & the other ordinary Sallampores, all which were Sold, & brought to Mr du Jardin's acc^t who upon his arrivall here, declared that Capt Spencer had more goods of his in his hands, as by Doct^r Heathfeilds Affidavit (enter'd in the Coppy Book of Letters rec^d) which being read & examined, before Capt Spencer, he could not make any objection thereto, & declared before us, that he knew not that any of those Bales, belonged to the R^t Honble Comp^a there being neither their mark nor numbers thereon, nor Tickets in the Bales, nor their Hon^{rs} Chop on the Cloth, as is usuall to all their goods, Capt Spencer was also desired to produce a Coppy of Doct^r Heathfeilds receipt, which he declared he either had not or could not find, which shall advice the R^t Honble Comp^a thereof in our next Generall, desiring Said receipt & assignment may bee Sent us, Itt was also demanded of said Captain why he advised not the President & Councill of Said Bales when last here, which he Said was an omission, but could give us no reason for itt.

Gulcondah Fort certainly taken by the Mogull. Dutch & French att the Camp to congratulate his conquest. A Letter to be writt to Mahobat cawn to do the same. A Cowl to be desired for safe conduct of our people, to the Mogull.

Having now certain advices that Gulcondah Fort was taken by the Mogull the Second of last month, by trechery about midnight, & that all the Country have Submitted to his authority, and hearing that the Dutch & French have been att the Camp, to congratulate his conquest, & that our neglect may bee lookt upon as a contempt, & aggravate his ill opinion of us, Itt is now therefore thought convenient that a Letter bee written to our friend Nabob Mahobat Cawn, who wee hear is intended Vice Roy of the Country, to congratulate the Moguls conquest of the Fort & Country, and to offer our Services to him, and to desire his procury of a Cowl for the Safe conduct of our people wee shall upon receipt thereof send to him, to confirm & pay our further respects.

Coodaloor goods in the Godown to be resorted.

That the Warehouskeeper bee order'd to resort all the Coodaloor goods in the Godown, and give their report of their difference from Muster, to the Councill, and that Mr Davis and Mr Ingram bee then present.

Concerning Mr. Hattons Estate.

In pursuance of the Commission to the President, Mr Thomas Lucas, Mr Robert Freeman and Mr John Willcox, for the recovering & receiving of Mr Christopher Hattons estate, late Chief of Metchlepatam, 'Tis order'd that Mr John Gray and Mr Henry Mose that were left Atturnys in that business, by Mr Ralph Ord do deliver up all Books of Acc^{ts} and papers received from Said Mr Ord to Mr Thomas Lucas and Mr Robert Freeman, & that they examine the Acc^{ts} & follow the Said order.

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The Justices deliver in their Examinations of the Pirats lately taken, & imprison'd, Itt is order'd that they bee enter'd in the Register. Pirats examinations to be enter'd in the Register.

There being three of the Resolution's men which run away, now return'd to Coodaloor, Itt is order'd that they bee put aboard the Royall James. Resolutions run aways to be put aboard the Royall James.

Gen[ll] to Coodaloor dated this day read & past, ordring them that if they were apprehensive of any danger of the Mogull & Moretta forces, to hire a Vessell att the best rates they can, or Send the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] concernes on Country Roats, to lade upon the Royall James att Conimeer. General to Coodaloor.

M[r] Devett att Conimeer being Sick & weak, and desiring leave to come hither for his health, Itt is granted him. Mr. Devet leave to come hither.

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JOHN STABLES Sec[ry].

Rec[d] a Letter from Cap[t] Richard Cooke Commander of Ship Royall James dated the 12th Instant, giving an Accompt that his Ship was very little out of order, & doubted not, to make her fitt & capable to take in goods & proceed for England, within Six weeks or thereabouts after her arrivall here, & that he would observe our Orders, to proceed for Conimeer. 15. Letter from Capt Cooke.

Letters from the President to Nabob Mahobat Cawn att Gulcondah, and to Coje Abanus, the contents as agreed upon in Consultation yesterday approved & Signed. Letters to Mahobat Cawn & Coje Abanus.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M[R] S[R] JOHN BIGGS
M[R] JOHN LITTLETON M[R] ROBERT FREEMAN
M[R] THOMAS WAVELL M[R] NATH: HIGGINSON
M[R] WILLIAM FRASER.

THURSDAY 17.

Being dangerous & troublesome times, & threatned to be beseiged by the Mogull, Itt is order'd for the greater care & Security of the Garrison, that the following Declaration about Martiall Law be read & published in presence of the Governour & Councill, before all the Souldiers drawn up, and bee added in the Book of Rules & Orders, and affixt upon the Gates in English and Portugues. Martiall Law to be publish'd.

The Governour & Councills Declaration for the Administration of Martiall Law, according to his Majesties Charter. Declaration about Martial Law.

Since our former Laws, Orders & Articles for this Garrison, His late Majesty Charles the Second King of England &c[a] of blessed memory was graciously pleas'd to give & grant Severall additionall immunities and priviledges to his R[t] Hon[ble] East India Comp[a] among which he grants them authority, for the free & full exercise of Martiall Law, att all their Garrisons, Forts, Cittys & Townes, within the limits of their Charter, which Said R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] our R[t] Hon[ble] Masters & Sole proprietors of this Citty & Garrison have for the more Security & better Government of the place, Strictly charged and commanded us their Governour & Councill, to put the Said Martiall Law in execution, upon all offenders, whose

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neglects or crimes shall fall under it's prescriptions, Therefore wee hereby declare & publish that henceforward wee shall exercise & inflict the Said Martiall Laws, in all the Rules Penalties & Punishments thereof, Therefore wee advise & charge all Officers Souldiers & Seamen, & all others under this Government, to be more dilligent & Strict in the discharge of their employments, Offices, Charges and Duties, in their Severall Degrees & Stations, to prevent the just severity of the Said Laws, & to Secure the place from the injuries & assaults of a troublesome Country, Dated in Fort S[t] George the 17th Novemb[r] 1687.

Mr. Fraser's affidavit about a bundle of Letters.

M[r] William Fraser delivered in his affidavid [*sic*] about a Packett of Letters found in the wreck of the Loyall Adventure, which is enter'd in the Coppy Book of Letters received.

Sallary to be paid Mr. Dunn.

There being Six months Sallary due to M[r] Isaac Dunn Chirurgeon of Madapollam, as appears by the Generall Books of that Factory amo[t] to Pag[o] 35 : 20 : 3 Itt is order'd to bee paid him.

Complaint of the Choultry Dubas.

M[r] Fraser having accused the Choultry Dubass of falce interpretation Itt is order'd that he give his charge in writing next Consultation day, that the Wittnesses bee examined & if found to have done itt willfully to be dimis[t] and punished.

P. 500 to be paid Mr. Higginson.

Order'd that Pag[o] 500 bee paid to M[r] Nathaniell Higginson Paymaster Generall to defray Charges Garrison &c[a].

Concerning Sea Customes.

Notwithstanding the order of the late President & Councill of the 13th June last, about Setling the Customes of this place, wee having Since rec[d] Severall Letters from the R[t] Honble Comp[a] wherein they possitivly order, that all persons whatever, without exception, shall pay five p̃ Cen[t] Custome upon all goods imported & exported by Sea, which thô wee doubt will bee a great discouragment, to the trade of the place, which as times are now, & likely long to continue Soe, is not able to bear So high a duty, many of our voyages on this Coast not gaining 10 p̃ Cen[t], but whatever the consequence bee, wee dare not disobey so absolute a command, that forbids any alteration, but such as may bee compensated Some other way, which wee humbly conclude may bee allowed in this particular, that whereas 'tis a generall order for all persons to pay five p̃ Cen[t] Custome, But the Portugues, Gentues, &c[a] paying already 6 p̃ Cent which they are well satisfied in, therefore one p̃ Cent being advanced upon them, we agree that itt bee taken off from the English, which makes their Custome four p̃ Cent, in & out, which is but a reasonable difference considering the inequallity of their charges & ours, & tis order'd that the Customer do hence forward observe this Rule, & duely receive itt from all persons & goods without favour to any.

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17. Mr. Freeman sett out for Palliacat & a Letter to the Govr.

A Letter fom the President to the Governour of Palliacat about the English Seamen fugitives att Metchlepatam & there, approved & Signed, & sent with M[r] Robert Freeman, who went this evening to Said place upon the Same business.

19. Letter from Tincombar. Mr Freeman from Palliacat. Letter reod from thence.

Rec[d] a Letter from the Governour of Trincombar dated 12th Ins[t] promising all assistance to the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Ship there, and that what English men att that place would go upon her.

M[r] Freeman return'd from Palliacat, & brought a Letter from the Governour, dated $\frac{1}{2}\frac{8}{8}$ Ins[t] about the English men, that he knew of none there & would write to Metchlepatam, & promises a good correspondance.

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Mr Freeman Sayes the Dutch news is, that the Williamson taking the Ship att Vizagapatam made a great noise, & was owned to bee the Mogulls own Ship, worth Eighty Thousand Rupees, and that they were like to have great trouble att Vizagapatam upon that accompt. Of the Ship taken by the Williamson att Vizagapa.

Recd a Generall from Conimeer dated the 18th Instant, with Coppy of their Diary & Consultations for the month of October & accot Cash for September, Coppy of a Consultation of the 17th Instant, & List of the Royall James men, taken the 16th Instant in Conimeer road, they advise the apprehension they were in of the danger of the Rt Honble Compas great concernes in that ffactory, desiring our Speedy answer, & that the Merchants &ca were fled to secure themselves & their estates. 20. Genell from Conimeer.

ATT A CONSULTATION

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ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR — MUNDAY 21.
MR JOHN GRAY — SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON — MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL — MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

The Governour & Councill att the head of the three Companies of Souldiers read the foremention'd Declaration for the Administration of Martiall Law, advising the Souldiers to a Strict discharge of their duties for the Safety of the place, & then there would bee no occation of itt, but if otherwise, they must not expect any favour, for as wee paid well, So 'twas the Law of Armes to punish well. Martiall Law published.

The defence & Security of the Garrison, being our daily consideration, the Governour proposed to the Councill, that a List bee taken of all the Rt Honble Compas Servants under this Councill, & all English Freemen, and that they bee form'd into a Company of Train'd Bands, which was agreed to, & order'd, And in consideration that the Governour Mr Gray & Mr Littleton, have the charge & command of the three Companies, Itt is order'd that Mr Robert Freeman, being next of Councill, be Captaine of the Train[d] Bands, & that a Commission bee given him accordingly, And that they bee drawn up, Muster'd & Exercised Some time next month. The Rt Honble Compas Servants & freemen to be form'd into a Compa of Train'd Bands. The Govr Mr Gray & Mr Littleton command threo Compas. Mr Freeman to be Capt of the Train'd bands.

There is also a List taken of the Portuguez Inhabitants, but itt is no[t] thought convenient, before wee have absolute occation, to Muster them, least wee may allarm them to leave the Town. List taken of thePortingues. Not to be Muster'd as yet.

There being a considerable quantity of China Musk which the Owners demand Pago 33 p̃ Cattee, but by much treaty have brought the[m] to Pago 30 p̃ Cattee, & can by no arguments perswade them to less, Itt was therefore proposed to the Councill, whether they would agree to give the aforesaid price, of Pago 30 Since itt could not bee procured att a lower rate, & being put to the Vote, itt was mostly resolv'd not to Swerve from the Rt Honble Compas possitive Orders of Dollars two & a half p̃ Ounce, a[nd] also about Tonqueen Pelongs, which can't yet bee bought, under Pago 30 p̃ Corge. Concerning China Musk. not to be bought under P. 30 p̃ Cattee. That price not to be given for itt. Pelongs att Pago 30 p̃ Corg.

Mr Fraser delivering in his charge against the Choultry Dubass Itt is order'd to bee examined next Consultation day, and enter'd in the Coppy Book of Letters received. Charge against the Choultry Dubass deliverd in.

There being great complaint of the dearness & Smallness of bread in the Bazar, & that itt bears no due proportion, with the price of Wheat, the Chief Justice is therefore order'd to make a monthly assize of bread allowing the Bakers, An Assize of bread to be made monthly.

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Clark of the Markett appointed. To examine the bread and weights.

a reasonable Proffit for their trouble, And that Tilman Holt bee made Clarke of the Markett, and that he daily examines the weight of bread, according to the Size appointed, and what he shall find lighter, to Seiz & give to the poor, As also all false weights & measures, their Owners to bee Severely fin'd.

Doctr Heathfields affidavid about Callicoes & Tea.

This day Doctor John Heathfield made affidavid about the Twelve Bales, and a ffardell of Callicoes, delivered him by Capt John Spencer as also concerning a parcell of Tea, laden by him, upon Ship Resolution, and his agreement with Capt Paine about 'its freight, att 18 £ p̃ Tonn, as p̃ Bill of Lading, Capt Spencer was also Sent for to peruse the Said affidavit, which is order'd to bee Sent the R^{t} Honble Company.

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21. How the Governmt of this Country is now Settled.

News this night from Appauge Pontolo, late Govern^{r} of Palliacat Town, that our old good friend Mahomed Ebraim (now called Mahobat Cawn) had the charge and Government of Gulcondah Country, that Mahomed Alla Beaugue was Seir Lascar of these parts, & that Braminees Sangana, Narrapa & Madana Anta Pontolo were confirm'd in their former Governm^{ts} of Conjeveron &c^{as} and by a message to the Governour, promised all the kindness and assistance they could possibly do, That Potty Cawn was discharged from his Nabobship, and return'd to his Governm^{t} att Changalaput, That 10000 Horse are drawn down into the Chingie Country Commanded by Cassim Cawn, to warr against those parts.

10000 horse gone into the Chingie Country.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRÃO

Present

TUESDAY 22.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY S^{R} JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Great danger att Conimeer by the approaching warrs. Merchts will make no contract for a new Investment. Rt Honble Compas Treasure & goods to be laden on the Royall James. Chief &ca of that Factory to repair hither. Persons order'd to look after the Factory.

Having rec^{d} another Letter from Conimeer dated the 18th Inst^{t}, wherin they now more possitivly declare the great danger they are in by the approaching Warrs, the Mogulls forces being drawn down into the Chingie Country, which has so discouraged all trade, that the Merch^{ts} are Sending and Securing their estates, in other parts, and therefore will not bee perswaded to contract for any Investment this year. In consideration whereof, itt is agreed & order'd that the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Treasure & goods there, bee laden aboard the Royall James, & that the Chief &c^{a} do repair hither, by the first oppertunity, & that all charges bee withdrawn from the Factory, except So much as is necessary for the maintenance, of one Writer, two Souldiers, and Twenty Peons, to guard & look after itt, & that they

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provide all the Chenam & Billett wood they can possible, Storeing itt up within their compound, but wee having great occation for Chenam, that if a Boat bee procurable, they hire one, & lade her hither, & Send upon the Royall James, what Billet wood they have in a readiness, and she can conveniently take in. (The Letter read, past & Sent accordingly).

To store up Chenam & billet wood. Chenam to be sent by Boat. Billet wood by the Royall James. Generall to Conimeer.

Having long in President Gyfford's time, & Since often endeavoured to reconcile the difference, between the Joint Stock Merch^ts^ but not being able to effect any thing towards the clearing their acc^ts^ & Setling a substantiall Fund, that may secure the R^t^ Hon ^ble^ Comp^as^ further trade with them, they were now again Sent for, & enquired of, what they had done since our last discourse with them, but they gave us no Satisfaction, for the present, & but little hopes of a Suddain accommodation, of their differences, Itt is therefore agreed that wee make no contract with them, till they have Setled their Acc^ts^ & make their Stock appear, So as wee may Safely deal with them, and that to morrow, they do make up the R^t^ Hon ^ble^ Comp^as^ acco^tts^ with the Book keeper, & deliver course Cloth, to the amount of the Ballance, which the Warehouskeeper is order'd to Sort & receive from them.

Concerning the difference between the Joint Stock Merchants.

No contract to be made with the merchants till they have settled their accompts. To deliver course Cloth for what they owe the Rt Honble Compa.

The old Well in the Fort being brackish, 'its water is not drinkable, & scarcely Servicable for other uses, 'tis order'd that a Small one bee made, whose water will last good a year or two, & will bee of great necessity in case of a Seige.

A small new Well to be made in the Fort.

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Rec^d^ a Generall from Mr Nicks &c^a^ att Portonovo dated the 18th Instant desiring a Ship to Secure the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ concernes, that they were Sorting a quantity of Moorees, which chiefly came to No. 7 : 8 : but Beteelaes No. 26 of which the Merchants have a great quantity were not musterable, of which they were made Sencible, but say they are as good as usuall, & cannot provide better, therefore desire our advice. 23. Genll from Portonovo.

Rec^d^ a Letter from Mr Milton, Mr Swynoke & Capt Wallis dated att Trincombar the 14th Ins^t^ wherein they advise to have paid Dollars 376 for a mast & yard, & that they were rewashing & curing the damaged cloth. Letter from Mr Milton &ca att Trincombar.

Rec^d^ a Letter from Mr Swynoke & Capt Wallis dated att Trincombar the 15th Ins^t^ advising that they had often demanded of Mr Milton an accompt of the Pag^o^ 60 he drew & rec^d^ there, but refuses to deliver itt, till Such time as he arrives att Madras, that they dispatch all they can, in having the damaged cloth recured, & hoped to Ship itt next new Moon, & then would try to gett the Ship to Portonovo, Trincombar affoarding neither Calkers nor Cordage. Letter from Mr Swynoke and Capt Wallis att Trincombar

Rec^d^ a Letter from Capt Wallis dated att Trincombar the 13th Ins^t^ giving an acc^t^ of the late Storm he met with, when he was forc'd in there. Letter from Capt Wallis there.

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THURSDAY 24.

Commissions to the Officers of the Train'd Bands. Other officers appointed. A Summons to the Inhabitants. Train'd bands to be drawn up & exercised.

A Commission Sign'd & deliver'd Mr Robert Freeman to be Captne of the Train'd bands Compa Mr John Afflœck Liev^{t} Mr Henry Alford Ensign, Mr John Pitt & Mr John Coventry Serjeants, Mr Troughton & Mr Inch Corporalls, & Francis Bett Clerke, with Rounders, Drumers &ca necessary Officers. Also a Summons to all the English Inhabitants under the Councill to appear in arms att the ffort, upon the penalty of Ten Pagodas each for the first neglect, And Capt Freeman is order'd to get all things in readiness to draw up and exercise his Company, Some time next month.

To hasten in the Investment att Coodaloor. To take as few fine goods as possibly. The Cloth much below the Musters. To Sort that Cloth by new Musters & numbers. To send their goods hither to secure them from danger.

A Generall to Coodaloor read and past ordering the hastning in their Investment, wherein to take as few fine goods as possibly since course is so much required by our Rt Honble Masters, at least not to exceed Mr Davis &ca contract in fine Sorts, & whereas they write us that the Cloth brought in by the Merchants is much below the Mustars, & that the Merchants tell them, they can procure no other these troublesome times, & that a longer delay may endanger the Rt Honble Compas Stock in their hands, if the two Armies now in those parts should plunder them, as 'tis very doubtfull and likely they will, 'tis therefore thought convenient as well from that consideration, as also to provide goods to lade the Royall James for England, that they Sort those goods brought in by new Mustars and numbers in proportion to the goodness & price of the first Mustar, or rather lower in consideration of their failure in contract, & that they end their accts & send their goods hither, as Soon as possibly, to Secure them from the dangerous troubles of the Country.

Madras frigat orderd from Trincombar to Coodaloor.

A Letter to Triucombar read & past ordring Mr Wallice &ca to bring away his Ship thence as soon as possibly to Coodaloor (since they are very unreasonable in the price of what they assist them with for the repairs of the Ship) and that they fitt her occations there, and proceed upon their voyage to Sumatra.

Examination of the complaint against the Choultry Dubash.

The Choultry Dubash was examined about the complaint against him for falce interpretation, when the three Dubashes that was brought as evidences were examined, one of whom declared that about two years past being att the Choultry, he heard Said Dubash mistake the interpretation of some words to the Justices, but beleives them to bee ignorantly Spoaken, but Mr Coventry who was also then present att the Choultry & pretends some knowledge in the Gentue Language affirms to us, that he was then present att the Choultry, and to the best of his apprehension heard the Said Dubash make a great mistake in his interpretation to the Justices, whereof he then enformed them, but will not venture to Swear to this report, not being so perfect in the Gentue Language, nor do any of the witnesses charge him with any corruption or unfaithfullness in his office, & 'tis generally beleived that this mistake was only Lapsus Linguœ, Mr Freeman who pretends also a good proficiency in the Gentue Language declaring, that he hath discharged that duty of an Interpreter, with great punctuallity, Since his being in the Choultry. However a great reputation of this Government depending upon the Choultry Court, where a mistake either from designe or ignorance, may lead the Justices into error, for prevention wherof 'tis agreed, that so great a trust should not depend on a Single person & therefore order'd that one other able linguist be joyn'd with the present Choultry Dubash, joyntly to interpret all cases in the Choultry & Court of Admiralty.

Choultry Court a great reputation to this Governmt. Another able Dubash to be join'd in that Court.

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Order & Decorum being escentiall parts of Government, also that persons in authority should be respected according to their degree & the wearing of Rundells having been formerly permitted only to the Councill, & some other the most considerable persons in Town, but now taken up by any that have boldness enough for itt, Itt is therefore agreed that the former order about Rundells be published & observed, that there may be Some distinction in persons and ceremonies. Who a [*sic*] permitted to wear Rundells.

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JOHN STABLES Secry.

Recd a kind Letter from Nabob Mahobat Cawn from Gulcondah wherein he gives friendly advice, and recommends Coje Abanus to bee our Vakeel. 26. Letter from Mahobat Cawn.

Recd a Letter from Alle Ascur Cawn (formerly called Mahomed Alle Beague) advising that he was made Subidar of all the Carnatta Country, & that he was in greater repute then Naccanum Cawn was formerly, & that we should send a wise Vakeel to Court. Letter from Al'e Ascnr Cawn.

Recd a Letter from Madana Anta Pontolo att Conjeveron advising that the Government of that place was granted to him & Sangana. Letter from Madana Anta Pontolo.

Recd a Letter from the Tarrufdar of Corrapa, forwarding Said Letters. Letter from Tarrufdar.

ATT A CONSULTATION

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ELIHU YALE ESQR	PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR	MUNDAY 28.
MR JOHN GRAY	SR JOHN BIGGS	
MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR ROBERT FREEMAN	
MR THOMAS WAVELL	MR NATH: HIGGINSON	
	MR WILLIAM FRASER.	

Mr John Cheney late Storekeeper his accompt of Stores bought, sold & expended in the month of August last read and past. Store keeper acct for August.

Order'd that Pago 1000 be paid Mr Nath Higginson Paymaster Generall, to defray Charges Garrison &cn. P 1000 to be paid Mr Higginson.

Mr Daniell Chardin & Mr Salvadore Rodrigues requesting leave to go to the Mines & Gulcondah, to invest some mony brought out with them, & consign'd & order'd to bee laid out in Diamonds at the Mines, whereupon the Rt Honble Compas Paragraph in their Generall of the 9th of June 1686 was read & considered, & att present not apprehending that their going will bee any prejudice to the Rt Honble Compa or their Stay an advantage to the Town, Itt is therefore agreed and order'd that they have permission to go, but that itt be no example or Standing order for the future, intending to debate & consider further thereon. Mr Chardin & Mr Salvadore desire leave to go to the Mines and Gulcondah. Considea tion thereupon. They are permitted to goe. To be no Standing order.

The persons formerly treated with about Tonqueen Pelongs, being now contented to take the offer'd price of Dollars 2½ p peece, but doe not certainly propose the quantity therefore the Warehouskeeper is order'd to take all they bring that is good att that rate. Tonqueen Pelongs bought.

Mr Thomas Davis having delivered in his Petition for his releasment, that he may Seek an honest & an honourable livelihood, Itt was debated & resolved that if Thomas Davis petitions for his releasment.

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To be granted he giveing some Town good security.

he can give Some Town good Security for his appearance, that itt bee granted him, not having as yet received any answer from Bengall, to our Letters writ thether concerning him & his affairs there, only their last letters Say, they have yet no demands from any upon his accompt.

About resorting Coodaloor Cloth.

Mr John Davis & Mr Ralph Ingram were Sent for & acquainted with the Warehouskeepers report of the Cloth they received from the Merchants att Coodaloor, & that the Said Cloth was order'd to be resorted by Mr Littleton Mr Fraser &ca in their presence, that they might bee Satisfied of it's condition, & their just Sortment.

Concerning Mahobat Cawn's letter.

Having recd a very civill kind Letter from Mahobat Cawn the Mogull's Nabob att Gulcondah, in answer to our formers to him wherein thô he blames our hostillity, & taking their Ships, yet gives us great hopes of an accommodation of our differences, & to procure us the Mogulls Phirmaund to restore & Settle us, in our former priviledges att this place, Bengall & Surat, & all other places in his Dominions, advising us also to appoint Coje Abanus our Vakeel att Gulcondah, & to give him full power to conclude our business, which being of great consequence & charge, 'tis defer'd to further consideration, what Shall bee resolved therein.

He advises to appoint Coje Abanus our Vakeel att Gulcondah. Deferr'd to further consideration.

Concerning Alle Asour Cawn's Letter. A present to be made him.

A Letter also recd with itt from Alle Assur Cawn great Subidar of this Country, acquainting us of the great honr conferr'd upon him by the Mogull & Nabob, & that his power was as great in this Country, as the late powerfull Necknam Cawn, who being a favourite of the Nabobs and his great adviser 'tis thought convenient to make him our friend by a present, Suitable to his dignity & the kindness he may do us.

Concerning Sangana's letter. To congratulate their restoration. As also to Potty Cawn.

Letters also from Madana Anta Pontolo & Sangana, that they were restored to their Government att Conjeveron, Pullimalee &ca places on this Coast, who having a more near influence upon the trade of this place, & St Thomá, 'tis agreed to congratulate their restoration, and make them the usuall presents in Such cases, to engage their friendship, As also to Puttee Cawn Governour of Changalaput, he being a rising man, in favour, & may be Servicable to our business att Gulcondah.

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Mr WILLIAM FRASER.	

TUESDAY 29.

Notice of 7 fugitives well Stor'd with mony and armes.

The President having notice that Seven of the 16 fugitives from the Royall James, were with a Boat, in a River near Sadraspatam, well Stored with money & armes, endeavouring to encrease their numbers, & prosecute their Pirating trade,

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which has already been very notorious to our great disreputation, but to prevent their escape & further mischief It's agreed & order'd as being the most safe & Secret way to Seiz the Rogues, that a Small Ship in the Road be hired of Capt Harrison for Pago 100, (that being the lowest wee can bring him to,) & 20 English Souldiers bee Sent upon her, to be put ashoar att the Said River & 20 Peons sent overland, to Secure their escape either ways, & that if the Said Pirats will not Surrender by fair meanes, that then our people Subdue them by force of Armes, & either take or destroy them, & so many as they shall take alive to bring them overland, & that upon the Royall James her arrivall, they with the two other Prisoners be tried by a Court Marshall. That their mony, boat, armes &ca bee also Secured & brought us, to make Satisfaction to those they have robed, as farr as itt will go.

A small Ship to be hired. Twenty Souldiers to be sent on her to Seiz them.

To be tried by a Court Martiall. Their mony &ca to be seized & sent hither.

' Tis also order'd that after the departure of the Souldiers, Peons & Prisoners hither, that he proceed with his Ship to Conimeer to lade with Chenam & Billet wood, we having great occation for both, for reparation of our Bulwarks, & Stores against any troubles that may happen.

The said Ship to go to Conimeer for Chenam & Billett wood.

Read & past Vizt.

A Commission & Instructions to Capt William Harrison.
Ditto to Serjt John Brown & Corporall Mitchell.
A Letter from the Governour to the Chief of Sadraspatam.
A Generall to Conimeer to Send twenty Peons to their assistance, & lade the Said Ship, with Chenam and Wood.

Commission Instructions & Generlls read & past.

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JOHN STABLES Secry.

Recd a Letter from the Metchlepatam Merchants to Mr Freeman concerning the Rt Honble Compas debt to them. 29. Letter from Metchpa Merchts.

Ship Pearle William Harrison Master Sailed for Sadraspatam. 30. Ship Pearl Sailed for Sadraspa.

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Mr JOHN LITTLETON — Mr ROBERT FREEMAN
Mr THOMAS WAVELL — Mr NATH HIGGINSON
Mr WILLIAM FRASER.

p^mo. [DECER] Thursday.

Mr Thomas Wavell Mintmaster having brought in Pago 65000 from the Mint 'tis order'd that the Rt Honble Compas debt to the Metchlepatam, Madapollam, & Pettepollee Merchants, & all other Obligations upon Interest be paid off, & that the Said Merchants have notice given them, to authorize Some one to receive & discharge the Ballance of their accts with the Rt Honble Compa which Mr Gray is order'd to draw out from the Generall books of those ffactories, & deliver them in Councill.

Northern Merchts to be paid. All obligations to be paid. Mr Gray to draw out the Northern Merchants accts.

Having wrot & endeavour'd all ways about the procury of the Persia freight att Metchlepatam for the Royall James, But this day advised us, that the Dutch had engaged itt att Gulcondah, being a small freight, not exceeding 900 bales, & our Braminee &ca att Metchlepatam write us that itt will not amount to half that number, by reason of the great Famine & Pestelence att Metchlepatam, & those

Persia freight att Metchlepa engaged by the Dutch. But a small freight.

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Not worth the disputing

parts, that has destroyed so many, there are few left to carry on the business of making & curing the Cloth, so that 'tis not like to bee a quarter of a Ships lading, & so not worth the disputing for.

A Parcell of Madapollam Long Cloth offered to Sale. Warehons. keeper &c to view itt.

There being a parcell of Madapollam brown Long Cloth offer'd to Sale, 'tis order'd that the Warehouskeeper and assistants do view & examine the Same and give us their opinions thereof, that we may proceed accordingly.

Fees of the Admiralty Court settled.

That all persons may bee acquainted with the Fees & charges of our Court of Admiralty, & that none of the Atturnys &c^a Officers may demand or exact more then their due, 'twas thought convenient to state, Settle & publish a table of ffees, which are by the Judge very moderatly drawn up, & now agreed to & authorized by the Council, and order'd to be Registred & rec^d accordingly, which are as followeth.

Clerk of the Courts ffees.

CLERK OF THE COURT.

	ffan. c.
Entring an Action	02 :0 .
Issuing out the Capias Attachment or Summons ...	07 :—
Entring the return	07 :—
Fileing Bill or Declaration	12 :—
Fileing the Plea	12 :—
Fileing Replication, Rejoinder and Surrejoinder untill issue & joining issue.	10 :—
Jury warrant if tried by Jury	07 :—
Entring the return of ditto	07 :—
Drawing Subpena for Witnesses not exceeding 4 persons	06 :—
Swearing Witnesses for every one person	01 :—
Green Cloth for each Court day for a continuance of the Action till Judgment	04 :—
Entring Verdict on Record	05 :—
Entring Judgment	06 :—
Entring every interloquitare order or motion	04 :—
Writ of Execution	05 :—
Return of ditto	05 :—
Withdrawing an Action	04 :—
Discharge of any person in custody	— :—
Searching every Record	02 :—
Registring a Will, Letter of Administ or deed of Sale or any other deed desired to be recorded for its preservation lett itt be long or Short	20 :—
Registring an Inventory for every Sheet of paper, wrot on four Sides if less then a proportionable allowance ...	20 :—
Coppy of Will, Letter of Administration or Inventory if after desired, & attesting itt under his hand	20 :—
Drawing a Recognizance or Obligation to the Company	10 :—
Ditto of the Peace and behaviour	07 :—
An Indictment in Court if not Capitall to be paid by the Prisoner if able	12 :—
If Capitall the Service to bee given King & Company ...	— :—
For any particular order of Sessions to private persons ...	10 :—
Discharge of a Prisoner by Proclamation in Court or discharge to the Marshall	10 :—

Attorneys ffees

ATTORNEYS FEES.

Retaining ffee & Warrant of Attorney	17 :—
Drawing the Bill from Instructions given, engrossing and coppy delivered	26 :—

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[p^mo.] Attorneys ffees.

	ffañ. c.
Preferring ditto & reading in Court	12 : –
Drawing replication or further pleading till Issue, engrossing & coppying	18 : –
Taking Instructions from Cliant, making breviat, & pleading att Tryall	26 : –
Attending Cliants business for every Court day, answering one Term in England	07 : –
Drawing any Affidavit in the cause as need requires in writing.	06 : –
For every motion upon any interloquitare Order	10 : –
For getting the Wittnesses togeather for the probat of a Will and endorsing the Probat of the Same	18 : –
Drawing a Letter of Administration, & engrossing the Same ready for the Seal	18 : –
For making out coppys of each if need require or coppys of any Letter of Attorney, or other Instruments to bee transmitted into any other parts, ready for the Attestation of the Seal of the Court	09 : –
For every Translate procured & Sworn in Court, whether long or short, to be translated by the Interpreter of the Court, for which to be allowed out of the Said 18 fañ 3 The like to the Def^ts Attorney.	18 : –

JUDGES FFEES.

Judges ffees.

For his hand & Seal of Court to every process or venire facias or Subpena for Wittnesses not above four Wittnesses or Writt of Execution	10 : –
For every Order upon any interloquitare motion in Court ...	10 : –
For every Issue join'd	12 : –
For every Affidavit taken in writing without Seal affixt ...	18 : –
If Seal affixt requisit	30 : –
Granting Judgment on each cause ... ... P 1 :	08 : –
Green Cloth or continuance of every cause till ended for every Court day ... ... –:	04 : –
Swearing Witnesses to the Probat of any Will, Signing and Seal 1 :	20 : –
The like for any Letter of Administration there being also an Oath given to the Administrator or Administratrix ... 1 :	20 : –
For coppys of any Such Wills or Admiñ attested by ye Judge Advocate, with hand & Seal of Court to be transmitted into any other parts if desired ... ... – :	20 : –
The like for a Letter of Attorney or other Instrument or deed to be transmitted as aforesaid if desired with the like Attestation ... ... – :	20 : –
For Recognizance in Criminall causes, or bail in Civill Actions – :	18 : –

In case of Commission of Prize, or other goods to be Sold, being condemned by the Court of Admiralty, the ffees thus to be devided Viz^t. ffees for Commission of Prize.

Judge Advocate ... ... 2 p̃ Cent̃
Justices Assistants ... ... 2½ p̃ C^t
Register for receiving & entring the Same ... ½ p̃ C^t

JUSTICES ASSISTANTS FFEES.

Justices assistants ffees.

To each for Green Cloth, for continuance of causes till Judgment, each Court day	04 : –
To each upon any referrence by order of Court, either for examination of matters, stating of Acc^ts or computation of Interest	18 : –
To each upon any Judgment granted in Court	18 : –

[p^mo.]

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ffañ. o.

Crier or Bailiffs ffees.

THE CRIER OR BAILIFFS FFEES.

For Serving any Process whatsoever, of the Court, besides reasonable charges for going on board any Ship, or out of the Precinques, which overplus charges, are to be determined by the Court, & althô there be more Def^ts then one in the Process, yet all to bee concluded in the Said ffee ... ... 07 : –

For calling Court and continuance of every Action to Judgment each day ... ... 04 : –

For Swearing every Wittness ... ... 01 : –

For every Prisoner indicted where not Capitall... ... ... 06 : –

Marshalls ffees.

MARSHALLS FFEES.

For every Prisoner in Custody ... ... 28 : –

If under Baile ... ... 14 : –

Choultry Justices ffees.

CHOULTRY JUSTICES FFEES.

Empanelling every Jury ... ... 18 : –

For Serving every Execution ... ... Pag^o 2 – : –

If above 100 Pag^o 1 Pag^o for every 100 Pag^o above.

Fees to the Rt Honble Compa.

FEES TO THE R^T HON^BLE COMPANY.

For every Seal of Court affixt to all wrightings Instrum^ts Process &^ca ... ... – : 10 : –

For Registring of every Deed ... ... – : 10 : –

For every recovery to be paid by the recoverer 1 fañ p̃ Pag^o recovered by Judgment in Court.

COURT CHARGES & REPAIRS.

Court charges & repairs.

One fanam in every cause to be paid by the recoverer, to bee rec^d by the Register, & disposed by the Court.

Great abuse in the Coodaloor Cloth. The Councill to be joyn'd with the Warehouskeeper in its examination. Mr Davis & Mr Ingram to be present thereat.

Mr Littleton Warehouskeeper complaining that there was soe great a difference, & abuse in the Coodaloor Cloth, bought & Sorted by Mr John Davis &^ca that he could not well Judge of itt, So desired that the rest of the Councill might be joyn'd with him, in its examination and report, which accordingly is appointed and that Mr Davis and Mr Ingram bee present thereatt.

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JOHN STABLES Sec^ry.

Coppy of a note from Mr Styleman about Musk & Pelongs.

Coppy of a paper delivered by Mr Fraser which he rec^d from Mr Styleman.

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Mr Fraser

Sr, Please to do me the favour to acquaint the Governr &c^{a} Councill that if they please they may have my Musk att P 30 p̃ Cattee & the Tonqueen Pelongs att P 30 p̃ Corge under I cannot Sell them.

Your humble Servant

Novemr 28th 1687. JOHN STYLEMAN.

2. Generall from Portonovo.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Mr Nicks &c^{a} att Portonovo dated the 27th past, advising that they had made up about 100 Bales, that they intended to return to Coodaloor in a few dayes, & hoped to get in the remainer of their Investment by Christmas, they desire Musters of 40 Cov^{d} Beteelaes N° 25 & of 50 Cov^{d} Beteelaes N° 28 that the Gold thread might probably go off something under Invoyce price, & that the Dutch there kept four dayes festivall, on acc^{t} of priviledges granted them by the Mogull, who by his Cowl given them, are to bee Custome free four years, & att the expiration to pay but half, in all ffactories they had in the King of Gulcondahs dominions.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRÂO

Present

SATTERDAY 3.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
Mr JOHN GRAY Sr JOHN BIGGS
Mr JOHN LITTLETON Mr ROBERT FREEMAN
Mr THOMAS WAVELL Mr NATH: HIGGINSON
Mr WILLIAM FRASER.

Nabobs Letter again taken into consideration.

The Councill being mett took again into debate, the weighty consideration of the Nabobs last letter from Gulcondah. wherin he declares the Kings & his displeasure against our late hostillities, & that if wee persist therein, itt will bee inevitable ruin to us, & our affairs, but on the contrary gives us great assurance of procuring us the Kings Phirmaund, for the enjoyment of our antient priviledges, & secure trade & Settlement here, att Surat & Bengall, and all other places under his Dominion advising us to appoint a Vakeel, and give him full power to conclude our business with him, which thô undoubtedly will bee of great charge & expence, yet being of Soe much import to the Rt Honble Compa and English Nation, their affairs now lying att a dangerous state, & wee very doubtfull that the Articles lately agreed upon in Bengall, will not bee justly complied with which is their own fears & intimation to us, but the Rt Honble Compa having order'd in cases of great imergencys & unforeseen hazards to call a Generall Councill to debate thereon, & wee having no particular order of theirs in this affair, Itt is agreed that the Senior Merchants & Merchants according to that order, bee Summon'd to appear on munday morning, to give their opinions with us, and to resolve accordingly, the business requiring great hast.

A Generall Councill to be call'd.

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J. BIGGS.
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THO: WAVELL.
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JOHN STABLES Secry.

3. Letter from Capt Harrison & Serjt Brown att Sadraspatam. Pirats taken by the Dutch

Rec^{d} a Letter from Capt Harrison & Serj^{t} Brown dated in Sadraspatam the 2d Inst advising that the Dutch had taken the Seven Pirats, before their arrivall, that one of them being Shot in 2 places died of his wounds since they landed, & that the Chief would not deliver them, till he had orders from Palliacat, which he had already sent for.

[3rd.]

——— *FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1687.* ———

Letter from Palliacat.

Rec[d] a Letter from the Governour of Palliacat dated $\frac{1}{11}$ Ins[t] promising the delivery of the Pirats taken att Sadraspatam.

A letter to Capt Harrison &ca.

A Letter to Cap[t] Harrison & Serj[t] Brown att Sadraspatam dated this day concerning the Pirats taken there approved & Signed.

Letter from Putty Cawn.

Rec[d] a Letter from Putty cawn from Changalaput wherein hee advises to be made Phougedar of this Country, & desires some things to be provided for Cassim Cawn, for which purpose had Sent Pag[o] 200 to Seer Cawn & Boorer Cawn Inhabitants of this place.

Att a Consultation

Present

Elihu Yale Esq[r] President & Governour
M[r] John Gray — S[r] John Biggs
M[r] John Littleton — M[r] Robert Freeman
M[r] Thomas Wavell — M[r] Nath: Higginson
M[r] William Fraser.

Munday 5.

Storekeepers acct for October.

The Storekeeper M[r] Thomas Wavell his accompt of Stores bought sold and expended in the month of October read and past.

Cash acct for November

The President read his Cash Book for the month of November which was past in Councill the Ballance being Pag[o] 67114: 31: 4.

P 918: 31: 3 to be pd Mr. Higginson.

Order'd that Pag[o] 918: 31: 3. bee paid M[r] Nathaniell Higginson Paymaster Generall to defray Charges Garrison &c[a].

Concerning procuring the Great Mogulls Phirmaund.

Having had many considerations & debates upon the procuring the Great Mogulls Phirmaund for the firm & lasting Settlement & enjoyment of the English Interest & trade in India, which now Seems to lye att a dangerous Stake, by reason of the Mogulls displeasure against us, & his totall conquest of this Country, which Subjects allmost all our Settlements & trade, under his Government, & now not being well able to reduce him to termes by Warr, having lost most of our Forces in Bengall, where thô they advise us of making a peace upon indifferent good Articles, yet att the Same time they much doubt the Nabobs compliance with them, which if he should, yet without the Kings Phirmaund, would bee of little force or obligation upon the next Government, & thereby render our affairs in as uncertain and ruinous a condition as before, But thô the whole Councill are fully satisfied of the great necessity & advantage of obtaining the Mogull[s] generall Phirmaund, & that possibly there can never happen so good an occation & oppertunity for itt, by his nearness to us, and the more happy fortune, of having the assured friendship of Nabob Mahobat Cawn, his great favourite & our old friend, to whom he has entrusted the Sole order & Government of this new conquer'd Country, who by his Severall kind Letters, has promised his best assistance, and gives us great encouragment & hopes of accommodating our differences, and getting us a Substantiall full Phirmaund, Yet itt being So weighty an affair & chargable, & having no particular order from the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] about itt, who in Such emergent cases, order a Generall Councill to bee called, which is to consist of this Councill in ordin[ry] & all the Senior Merchants & Merchants upon the place, to advise with, & take their opinions in Such extraordinary matters, which accordingly was done, & the Generall Councill being mett, which consisted of the Preside[nt] M[r] John Gray, S[r] John Biggs, M[r] John Littleton, M[r] Robert Freeman, M[r] Thomas Wavell, M[r] Nathaniell Higginson, M[r] William Fraser, M[r] John Cheney, M[r] John Davis, M[r] Daniell Gyfford, M[r] Thomas Yale, John Stables, M[r] Henry Alford & M[r] Henry Mose, who being Sate the President fully states the case, which being debated, 'twas generally & unanimously agreed & resolved, that all means possibly be used for purchasing the Mogulls Phirmaund for our firm Settlement & Secure trade, since the English Intrest now wholy depended thereon, & therefore whatever the charge may bee in reason (which by most is judged will cost in that chargeable Court

The Councill of oppinion to obtain the Mogulls Phirmaund.

No particular order from the Rt Honble Compa about itt. A Generall Councill mett.

Unanimously agreed to purchase the Mogulls Phirmaund.

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near Pag° 50000) that itt bee vigorously prosecuted, & no time lost therein, which wee doubt not will bee to the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ satisfaction, since itt will prevent that great charge & trouble, which yearly embroiled and obstructed their trade.

Itt was also proposed whether 'twas not convenient to Send two of the Councill to Gulcondah, to mannage this great & chargeable business, as also to pay our respects & congratulations to the Mogull, but in consideration that the Nabob has nominated & desired us to make our good friend Coje Abanus our Vakeel or Attorney to act & conclude this business with him, which Supposing he most desires for his Secret advantage, 'tis thought fitt to oblige & gratifie him therein, as also that itt will prevent a very great charge, that will necessarily attend, such a journey by the Councill, who for the honour of the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ and Nation must appear as splendidly as possibly, besides so publick an address will draw many of the Courtiers greedy eys, [*sic*] & expectations upon them, which unavoidably will greatly inhance the charge of our business, and possibly create some Enemies that may obstruct our business. 'Tis therefore concluded the most secret & secure way to referr the mannagm^t^ wholy to the Nabob & our Vakeel Coje Abanus, But that if hereafter the Mogull requires our attendance upon him, & that itt cannot bee avoided without disobliging him & our business, that then some of the Councill be sent up to him, but wee hope the Nabob will excuse itt having lately wrot to him about itt.

Proposed to Send two of the Councill to Gulcondah. Nabob desires us to appoint Coje Abanus our Vakell. To oblige him therein. A great charge will be prevented thereby.

The mannagmt of the business to be refer'd to the Nabob & Vakeel. To send some of the Councill if not to be avoided.

And thô from their Letters & our Severall enquiries much money is expected from us in this business, the Nabob being a very covetous man, yet least some trick & disappointment should be put upon us, as last year the Vakeel from Bengall was Serv'd, taking near Rup^s^ 100000 from him for nothing, or least they should seize it[t] from us, on pretence of our being lately att Warrs with them, or to make Satisfaction for the injuries wee have done, and severall Ships taken from them, 'Tis agreed that we send only Pag° 10000 to Gulcondah by Messrs Chardin & Salvadore, who are going thether and that they keep itt privatly in their own names, till our Vakeel shall for our occations demand itt from them, giving his receipt for itt, also that some other presents bee Sent by them to oblige the Nabob in our business.

Considera-tion of sending money to Gulcondah.

Only Pago 10000 to be sent by Messrs Chardin & Salvadore. Directions about Said Pago 10000.

Mahomed Alle Beagne late Governour of Metchlepatam being now advanced, to the Seerlascarship of this Country, & himself writeing us of the great honour conferr'd upon him by the Mogull and the Nabob, & of his uncontroulable authority in this Country, besides wee knowing him to bee an intimate favourite of the Nabobs, & that his advice has a great influence upon him, & he now expecting a more then ordinary complement from us, 'Its agreed & order'd that Mr Robert Freeman & one Factor do wait upon him with our Lr̃es & present which (considering his place & the kindness he is capable of doing us) to be to the amount of Pag° 300 in a publick present & 500 in a private one, the more to engage him to us, which we hope Mr Freeman will bee Successfull in, having had a long & intimate acquaintance with him att Metchlepatam, & that he also endeavour the renting of St Thomá, about which he is also to discourse Puttee Cawn, Sangana &c^a^ when he delivers our Letters & Piscashes to them, & to endeavour the dispose of Europe goods among those Merchants and that Instructions be given him accordingly.

Mahomed Alle Beagne made Seerlascar of this Country.

Mr Freeman to compliment him.

A Present to be sent to him.

To endeavour renting St Thomá.

Instructions to be given Mr Freeman.

Letters from the President to Mahobat Cawn, Alle Ascur Cawn, Puttee Cawn, Sangana & Madana Anta Pontolo & to the Tarrufdar of Corrapa read and past.

Letters to the Nabob &c.

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JOHN STABLES Sec^ry^.

[6TH.]

——FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1687.——

Generall from Porto novo.

Recd a Generall from Mr Nicks &ca att Portonovo dated pmo Inst advising that their Merchants refused to make new Musters & prises according to the condition of their Cloth, & they desire a small Vessell may be order'd to attend them, to take in their goods, as they daily embale them.

7. Six Pirats brought from Sadraspatam. Letter &ca from Capt Harrison.

This morning Serjt Brown arrived here with the Six Pirats taken att Sadraspatam, & brought a Letter from Capt Harrison dated the 5th Inst with a List of what was found with said Pirats, & detained by the Dutch.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

THURSDAY 8.

Mint acct for November.

The Mintmaster Mr Thomas Wavell his accompts of the Mint for Mintage duties, upon particular persons Gold coyned in November Pago 6063 att ½ p Cent ... ... Pago 30 : 11 : 0.

Portugues affronted by three of the Rt Honble Compas Servants.

Three of the Rt Honble Compas Servants having gone to the Mount without License from the Governr & there misbehaved themselves affronting & grossly abusing some of our Portugues Inhabitants, which besides the contempt & disorder of our Government, may have many ill consequents, as well by disobliging the Inhabitants, as provoaking them to Some Secret revenge, if some publick notice, & satisfaction be not taken for such rude extravigancies, as we find they have been guilty of, 'Tis therefore order'd, that they publickly beg pardon from the persons injured & not go to the Mount or St Thomá this three months, & for their offence to the Governmt, that the Ringleader of this broil pay a fine of Fifteen Pagodas & the two abetters, each Pago 10 for example, & to make them and others more civill and orderly.

Publickly to beg their pardon. Not to go to the Mount or St Thomá in three months. A fine to be paid by them. P. 20 to be paid the Washermen.

Order'd that Pago 20 be paid Narso &ca Washermen, for washing the Metchlepatam Chay goods.

A parcell of Bengall goods treated about. No agreemt the price too high. The prises to be compared.

The Rt Honble Comps being very desirous of Bengall goods, & there offering a parcell of Bengall Taffaties & Silk Romalls for Sale, & Musters being brought to the Councill they were examined & treated about, but the prises being too high, wee came to no agreement but the accomptant & Warehouskeeper are order'd to compare the prises & goodness with Bengall Invoyces & goods, & report itt to the Councill. The Madapollam Long Cloth was also further treated of, but could bring the Owner to no agreement.

Nor for the Madapollam Cloth. Instructions and Letters. P. 1000 to be sent to Coodaloor.

Our Instructions to Messrs Chardin & Salvadore read & past as also our Letter & Letter of Attorney to our Vakeel Coje Abanus, with Severall Instructions to him, & additionall priviledges to bee added to the Mogulls generall Phirmaund.

Order'd that Pago 1000 bee Sent to Coodaloor for expences of the Factory and to repair the Madras Frigat.

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JOHN STABLES Secry.

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Rec[d] a Generall from M[r] Nicks &[a] att Portonovo dated the 3[d] Instant inclosing one from Trincombar. Generall from Portonovo.

Rec[d] a Letter from M[r] Milton & M Swynoke att Trincombar dated the 7[mo] Ins[t] advising that Cap[t] Wallis & his Chief Mate were so indisposed that they were not capable of proceeding on their voyage to Sumatra, and desired to have Some others sent to take their charge, they also send an acc[t] of Stores wanting to fix the Madras Frigat. Letter from Mr Milton &ca.

Gen[lls] to Coodaloor & to M[r] Milton &c[a] att Trincombar approved & Signed. 9. Genlls to Coodaloor & Mr. Milton.

Pag[o] 10000 Sent along with Mess[rs] Chardin & Salvadore to Gulcondah. P. 10000 Sent with Mr. Chardin &ca.

The Delight Robert Mellish Master arrived from Acheen, who gives an acc[t] of the Insurrection of the Natives att Mergen, & their massecring the English there, which he heard from Cap[t] Weltden & M[r] Samuell White att Acheen, who were gone to the Gingerlee Coast, and from thence design'd hither. Ship Delight from Acheen. English Massecre'd att Mergen. Capt Weltden & Mr Samll White gone to the Gingerlee Coast.

Rec[d] a Letter from Cap[t] Burton Commander of Ship James, with coppy of his Letter to Cap[t] Tyler, & a List of what Cordage &c[a] he took out of Said Tyler's Ship, & Sent hither upon Ship Delight. Letter &ca. from Capt Burton.

M[r] John Davis delivers a paper concerning his going for England, which is enter'd in the Coppy book of Letters received. A paper from Mr John Davis concerning his going to England.

Pag[o] 1000 Sent to Coodaloor p Peons overland. 10. P. 1000 sent to Coodaloor.

Rec[d] a Gen[ll] from Conimeer dated the 7th Ins[t] advising to have contracted with their Merchants for an Investment of Pag[o] 20000 on the tearms proposed to them formerly to be brought in by the latter end of January, & that the Merchants offer'd to contract for Pag[o] 60000 more on the Same termes, by the latter end of June, they Send us copy of their Letter to Cap[t] Cook Commander of the Royall James, about his Boat swain, with his & his Officers answer thereto. 11. Generall from Conimeer. A new Investment contracted for there.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R]	PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR	MUNDAY.
M[R] JOHN GRAY	S[R] JOHN BIGGS	12.
M[R] JOHN LITTLETON	M[R] ROBERT FREEMAN	
M[R] THOMAS WAVELL	M[R] NATH: HIGGINSON	
	M[R] WILLIAM FRASER.	

Richard Stout a Souldier having made his Petition to go for England but not having served out his contracted time with the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] Itt is agreed not to permit him to go, except he repay the charge the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] were att in Sending him out. Richd Stout Petitions to go for England. Permitted if he repays the R[t] Honble Compas charge.

Having news this morning from Conjeveron by a Servant of Madana Anta Pontolo, that our old friend Mahobat Cawn was displaced & another appointed Governour of this Country, which if true will greatly disorder & endanger our Concerning Mahobat Cawns being displaced.

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[12TH.]

Directions to Mr Chardin &ca about the Rt Honble Compas mony.

business, & disappoint our proceedings hitherto therein, but for the safer preservation of the Rt Honble Compas money lately sent to Gulcondah, by Mr Chardin & Mr Salvadore Rodrigues, Itt is order'd that a Letter be writ to them, not to deliver any of the mony or our Letters, if they find the news true of Mahobat Cawns displacement, & being out of favour, & being also reported that Alle Ascur Cawn late chosen Seer Lascar of this Country, & the Nabob's intimate friend & confident is also displaced, to whom we had intended to have sent Mr Freeman with our Lettter & a Present, to have engaged his friendship in our affairs with the Nabob, which is now thought convenient to be deferred some dayes, till wee know the full truth of this report.

Mr Freeman's visit to the Seer Lascar Deferred.

Commission & Instructions to Mr Freeman.

Commission & Instructions to Mr Robert Freeman in his Journey & vissit to Alle Ascur Cawn Seer Lascar &c[a] new Govern[ts] read & past.

Mint Acctt. for August.

Mr Nathaniell Higginson late Mintmaster read his Acc[ts] of the Mint for the month of August which were past as followeth.

The Rt Honble Compas Gold being 1 Chest N° A p̃ the Williamson produced net ...	P	31634 : 34 : 0
Ditto for the nett proceed of Oz 32 : 6 Acheen Mace being the remainer of Oz. 218 : 06 from Acheen p̃ Loyll Adventure	„	239 : 03 : 0
Ditto of 727 Acheen Mace poiz Oz 13 : 05 : 12 p̃ ditto Ship	„	98 : 02 : 0
For Mintage duties of particular persons Gold coyned this month Pago 11890 att ½ p̃ Cent	„	59 : 32 : 3

Mr Davis his paper not to bee answered as yet.

The paper delivered by Mr John Davis the 9th Inst was perused but no answer to bee given till the Cloth be resorted which he &c[a] bought and sorted att Coodaloor.

Paymasters acct for October.

The Paymaster generall Mr Nathaniell Higginson his Accompts for the month of October read and past as followeth.

Charges Garrison	Pago	1130 : 30 : 3
Charges Generall	„	545 : 30 : 0
Charges Diett	„	483 : 35 : 3
Charges Extraordinary	„	7 : 27 : 0
Charges Cattle	„	29 : 33 : 0
Charges Merchandise	„	45 : 16 : 0
Accotts ffortifications & Repairs	„	163 : 21 : 0
West Coast	„	39 : 33 : 0
Bengalla	„	118 : 10 : 0
Tenasseree Expedition	„	4 : 05 : 3
	Pago	2569 : 25 : 3

Journall for May.

The Accomptant Mr John Gray read his Journall of the Genll Books for the month of May last which was past in Councill, & desired to hasten the closure of the Books, that they may go home by next Ship.

Concerning the contract for a new Investment att Conimeer.

Having recd Letters from Conimeer advising that they had with much trouble & difficulty perswaded their Merchants (notwithstanding the threatned & approaching danger to that Country) to contract for an Investment of Twenty Thousand Pago one third part to be paid them in Europe goods, one third in Silver & one third in Pagodas, their goods to bee according to or in proportion to our List Sent them, all to bee brought in by the last of January, upon the forfeiture of 25 p̃ Cent upon what they shall fall short of their agreement, which contract wee look upon as a good service, both from Mr Willcox & the Merchants, being in such troublesome dangerous times, that few will adventure upon trade,

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till times are more certain & Setled, besides our Joint Stock Merchants have So much of their Stocks abroad in the Country upon great hazard, & So much indebted in Towne, and such distraction in their Accompts, & disagreement among themselves, which wee doubt will not So Soon bee compos'd, that we may safely trust or employ them this year, thô we have and shall endeavour all meanes to their resettlement. From Conimeer they also propose to bring in goods upon the Same termes, to the amt of Pago 60000 by the fine of June, but having neither order nor money for that, wee cannot yet resolve anything about itt, But do now agree to Send them Pago 7000 upon the January Investment, & they requiring Ropes, Twine, & Gunnys for the baleing their goods none being procureable there, 'tis order'd that the Warehouskeeper doe Supply them with what necessary, by the next Sea oppertunity.

Proposall for another Investmt att Conimeer by the fine of June. Not as yet to be resolved upon. P. 7000 to be sent on the Janury Investmt to Conimeer. Ropes Twine &ca to be sent them.

By a Country Ship lately arrived from Acheen, we recd Letters from Capt Henry Burton, that in pursuance of the late President &ca Commission to him against the Mogulls & King of Siam's Subjects, he had Seized a parcell of rigging that were intended for the King of Siam's Service, & bound upon Capt Tylers Ship to Tenasseree, which letters were delivered to the Judge of the Admiralty to be examined & tried in that Court, & that the Storekeeper in the mean time, do take care of Said goods to land & hous them.

Concerning the Rigging sent by Capt Burton. To be examined by the Admiralty. Storekeeper to land & house them.

The Bengall Taffaties lately treated about, we are now come to an agreement upon att Pago 30 p̃ Corge, which wee esteem to be very cheap & little above their cost in Bengall, the Warehouskeeper is therefore order'd to receive & Chest them.

Bengall Taffaties agreed for. To be received and chested.

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John Carroon delivers his Petition to be entertain'd Interpreter of the Dutch & Portugues Languages as enter'd in the coppy book of Letters recd. 12. A Petition by Carroon.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAO

Present TUESDAY 13.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY SR JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

Upon consideration of the late bad news that our good friend Mahobat Cawn is discharg'd from the Nabobship & Governmt of this Country & many more of our friends also discarded, which greatly disappoints & frustrates what wee have already design'd & done towards the accomodating our difference with the Mogull, & procuring his Phirmaund, & puts our affairs into a more doubtfull & dangerous condition then formerly, The President therefore Summon'd the Councill to discouse [*sic*] them further thereon, & proposed to them the Sending back for the Pago

Consideration upon Mahobat Cawn's being displaced. Proposed to send for the Pag 10000 back.

[13TH.]

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10000 lately sent with Monsr Chardin &c^{a} to our Vakeel Coje Abanus att Gulcondah, being but three dayes on their way thether, since itt might bee in some danger of Seizing, by this new alteration in the Governm^{t} wee having now few friends in Court, to plead in our favour. But upon the debate 'twas resolved to lett itt go forward to Gulcondah, being so farr on the way, that i'ts return may bee as dangerous, But that a Letter be wrot to Messrs Chardin & Salvadore to keep our Letters and money by them till further order, if they find the Nabob turn'd out, & our Vakeel in trouble, otherwise to follow our former orders, And we hope the news may not be true, we having no Letter about itt, and possibly itt may bee only a Dutch report, design'd to impeed our business, however all possible care is to be taken for our Safety & Security.

Resolved to lett itt go forward. Directions to be given to Mr Chardin &ca about itt. Hopes that the news may not be true.

A Generall Letter to Conimeer read and past accompanying Pag^{o} 7000 to carry on their new Investment.

Genll to Conimeer with Pago 7,000

A Letter to Messrs Chardin & Salvadore to Secure our Letters & mony as privatly as possibly, till they knew the certain news of Gulcondah, and how our Interest Stood there.

Letter to Messrs Chardin & Salvadore.

Also a Letter to our Vakeel Coje Abanus, advising the news we hear, which if true, that he apply himself, to the Succeeding Nabob, about our business, or Some other person, that is capable of procuring a Phirmaund

Letter to Coje Abanus.

The Madapollam Long Cloth & Sallampores, lately treated about the price, was now agreed upon Viz^{t}.

Madapollam Long Cloth agreed for & Musters made.

Long Cloth brown according to the Musters now made.

	N^{o} A att P 23½ p̃ Corge
	N^{o} B att P 20½ p̃ Corge
Long Cloth white togeather	N^{o} C att P 18– p̃ Corge
Sallampores brown	N^{o} A att P 10½ p̃ Corge
	N^{o} B att P 9½ p̃ Corge

The Ware-houskeeper to sort itt. Brown Sallampores to be wash't.

but could perswade the Owners by no meanes to take off any goods, 'tis therefore order'd that the Warehouskeeper do Sort itt, embaleing the brown & white Long Cloth, but to put the browne Sallampores to washing & that after 'tis Sorted the Accompt bee made up and paid for.

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14. Adventure from Acheen.

The Adventure Thomas Hickes Master arrived from Acheen.

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Present

THURSDAY 15.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R}	PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.
MR JOHN GRAY	S^{R} JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL	MR NATH HIGGINSON.

MR WILLIAM FRASER.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1687.*—— [15TH.]

The Land Customer Mr William Fraser his Book of Accotts for the month of November read and past as followeth. Land Customers acct for Novr.

Land Custome	Pago	23 : 10 : 67
Weighers duty	„	1 : 07 : 90
Choultry Custome	„	23 : 01 : 28
Measurers duty	„	48 : 32 : 15
Banksall Toll	„	— : 01 : —
Botica rents	„	49 : 13 : 87
Registring of Slaves	„	— : 18 : —
Registring of houses	„	3 : 20 : —
Garden rents being five	„	4 : 18 : —
License money	„	26 : — : —
	Pago	180 : 14 : 87

Having advice from Trincombar that Capt Wallis & his Mate were So ill, that they were uncapable of proceeding on their voyage to Sumatra, & desired by Mr Milton & Mr Swynoke that wee will Send Some persons to Supply their places, and Captne John Spencer having been formerly that voyage, & well experienced on that Coast, also one William Penniston recommended to us for a Sober ingenious man, they were Sent for, and offered the Said employments, Viz^t Capt John Spencer to be Commander att Pago 12 p̃ month, and William Penniston Chief Mate att Pago 8 p̃ month, and that they make all possible hast thether, for which the Paymaster is order'd either to hire or buy a Boat, as well for that Service, as to transport our Gunnys, Ropes and Twine to Conimeer, and to return either with Bales from Coodaloor, or Chenam from Conimeer. That they bring the Ship as Soon as possibly they can from Trincombar to Portonovo, where she may bee better and cheaper fitted.

Capt Wallis & his Mate Sick. Capt Spencer to be sent Comdr. William Penniston to be Mate.

What pay allowed them. A Boat to be bought or hired. Ship to be brought from Trincombar to Portonovo.

John Thomas being uncapable of any Service, by his distraction & very troublesome to the Town, Itt is order'd according to his desire that he have leave to go for England, upon the first Ship, where there is more hopes of having meanes for his recovery, & that Mr John Caroon do officiate that employment as formerly he did att P 6 p̃ month.

Leave given John Thomas to go for England. John Caroon to be Interpreter.

There being yet Severall Ingotts of Eager Gold which cannot bee coyned, till they be refin'd or toughned and the Assay Master Mr Johnson having tried Severall experiments, which proveing unsuccesfull, and declaring he can do no more upon them, for want of English Charcoal, 'tis therefore order'd that no more time may bee lost in their Coynage, that the Braminees do burn them as formerly, thô there is much trouble & Some loss thereby.

Concerning the Eager Gold in Ingotts. Mr Johnson can do nothing upon them. The Braminees to burn them as formerly.

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MUNDAY 19.

[19TH.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1687.*——

Generall to Surat

A Gen[ll] to Surat dated this day giving an acc[t] of the affairs in these parts & Bengall read & past, to be Sent by a Country Ship bound thether.

Concerning Siam goods in Mr Lucas his hands. Mr Lucas sent for & an Attachment made. Offers to depose upon oath that he has none in his hands.

Itt being reported that M[r] Thomas Lucas had considerable effects in his hands, belonging to the King of Siam, or his creature Phaulkon, and considering the Warr wee have and are like to continue with them for the great debt they owe the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] M[r] Lucas was sent for, and an Attachment in their name Serv'd upon him, after which being examined about itt, declared that he now had nothing by him, that belonged to that King or his Subjects, and offerr'd to be deposed thereon, but he was desired to consider well of itt, and that he Should bee further examin'd upon his Oath in Court, being a business belonging to the Admiralty.

Mr Littleton notbeing able as yet to reconcile the Joint Stock Merchts. Mr Freeman & Mr. Fraser to join their endeavours with him. To employ other Merchts if not done suddenly. The Merchts not to bee trusted.

M[r]. John Littleton having been order'd to assist the Joint Stock Merchants in accommodating their disputes and differences in their accompts, but having had no Success therein, 'tis order'd that M[r] Freeman & M[r] Fraser do joyn their endeavours with him to reconcile them & their Stock, & to acquaint them, that if they conclude not Suddenly, that wee shall either employ other Merchants, or put up Bills, for all persons to bring in goods for the Company that will, and that wee shall buy them att the best rates wee can agree for, Since wee cannot Safely trust our Merchants till they are agreed, and have cleered their Debts in Town.

Mr. Moody intending for the West Coast. Mr. Troughton to be Steward.

M[r] Ambrose Moody intending for the West Coast, 'tis order'd that he may have time to fitt himself for the voyage, and that he delivers up his Stewardship to M[r] Troughton, the former Steward, who was order'd to bee as carefull and frugall as possible in his employment & charge.

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20. Generall from Conimeer.

Rec[d] a Generall from Conimeer dated the 17th Instant advising the receipt of the Seven Thousand Pagodas, and of the troubles likely to come upon them, and desire Twenty Souldiers to be Sent them, and Tenn or Twelve Small Gunns to mount in their Factory, for their Security, the Country being in such confusion, they cannot have a better oppertunity or pretence to do itt.

Generall from Coodaloor.

Rec[d] a Gen[ll] from Coodaloor dated 16th Ins[t] advising that the Country was in great troubles, & were apprehensive of the danger, by Harja Raja's difference with Cashua Pontolo, & coming to reside in Tivenapatam ffort, desiring Some Souldiers to bee sent them to secure the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] concernes, they send us their Diary, Consultations & Acc[t] Cash for Nov[r] & Pursers Acc[t] for Octo[r] & Novemb[r].

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAO.

Present

WENSDAY 21.

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M[R] JOHN GRAY S[R] JOHN BIGGS
M[R] JOHN LITTLETON M[R] ROBERT FREEMAN
M[R] THOMAS WAVELL M[R] NATH HIGGINSON
M[R] WILLIAM FRASER.

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Being advis'd by a Generall Letter from the Chief &c[a] of Coodaloor of the 16th Instant, that they were in a good forwardness in their Investment, having a considerable number of Bales in readiness, & that the troubles in the Country greatly encreast, as well from their civill devissions, as their expectation of & preparation to oppose the Mogulls approaching forces, & that Maha Raja, Vice Roy or Chief Subidar of that Country, was Suddenly intended with his Army to ffortify & encamp att Tivenipatam ffort, by the Seaside, & within four miles of Coodaloor, which will unavoidably create them much danger and trouble, between them & the Mogulls fforces, in consideration whereof 'tis agreed & order'd that the Royall James (being still att Conimeer, & the Winds & Currants against her coming hither) bee order'd to Coodaloor & Portonovo, to take in their Bales, as well to prevent the danger may ensue, as to bring them hither to lade for England, wee having not sufficient here in readiness for a lading for her, or any of the great Ships, we daily expect from the Bay, besides that being so small a distance from Conimeer, 'twill not as the Monsoon now is, detard her return hither above ten dayes, they also desiring Souldiers & money for the defence & maintenance of the place, 'tis order'd that twenty Souldiers & Pag[o] 1000 be Sent them, & that 20 Souldiers be also Sent to Conimeer, they desiring itt, for the Same reasons, & that they all go upon a Country boat the Paymaster is order'd to hier for transport of Stores they desire for the Madras Frigat att Trincombar, & that Cap[t] Spencer & his Mate do embarque thereon, But that before the Royall James's departure they lade their goods &c[a] from Conimeer upon her, according to our Severall Letters now writ Viz[t].

Bales ready att Coodaloor.

Troubles encrease there. likely to be much danger. Royall James to be Sent to take in their bales.

20 Souldiers & P 1000 to be sent thether. 20 Souldiers to Conimeer. To go upon the Country boat. Capt Spencer & his Mate also.

Generall Letters to Coodaloor, Conimeer, Trincombar, & to Cap[t] Richard Cooke read and past.

Generalls to Severall places.

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21.

Pag[o] 1000 Sent to Coodaloor p̃ Peons overland.

P 1000 Sent to Coodaloor.

Rec[d] a Letter from Sangana, Antona & Madana Anta Pontolo att Conjeveron, to the President, complaining that wee held a correspondance with Maha Raja, by having four Comawars in his Camp.

Letter from Sangana &c[a].

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M[R] JOHN LITTLETON	M[R]
M[R]	M[R] NATH HIGGINSON

M[R] WILLIAM FRASER.

THURSDAY 22.

Order'd that Pag[o] 630 be paid Kitte Narrand for 21 Corge of Bengall Taffaties, att Pag[o] 30 p̃ Corge, & Pag[o] 243: fa 02 for 175 peeces Tonqueen book Pelongs att Dollars 2½ p̃ p[s] the Dollar cast up att 20 fanams, both parcells bought of him & delivered upon the R[t] Hon[ble] Companies accompt.

Bengall Taffaties & Tonqueen Pelongs to be paid for.

Order'd that Pag[o] 1000 be paid M[r] Nathaniell Higginson Paymaster generall, to defray Charges Garrison &c[a].

P. 1000 to be paid Mr. Higginson.

[22ND]

——FORT ST. GEORGE, LECEMBER 1687.——

Jarrs of China Ginger offerrd to sale. The Warhousekeeper to view them.

Mr John Styleman having acquainted us that he had a parcell of preserved China Ginger, in Jarrs, which he offers the Rt Honble Company att Pago 10 p̃ pair, but not knowing the Size & quallity of them the Warehouskeeper is order'd to view them, & enquire into their vallue, and report itt to the Councill.

Judgmt against Mr. Ords estate presented to this Councill.

There having been lately some mony belonging to the estate of Mr Ralph Ord deceased att Priaman, paid into the Rt Honble Compas Cash, which being Attached in our Court of Admiralty att the Suit of Capt John Tyler Judgment was given against the Said Ralph Ords estate, which Judgement being presented to this Councill by the Judge amounting to Rlls $ 825½ Itt is order'd that the Same be calculated into Pago att price Currant (which amounts to Pago 434 : 17 : 1 Court ffees Pago 10) & paid accordingly.

Order'd to be paid.

Concerning Lingapa's banksall near the Garrison.

Lingapa late Seer Lascar of this Country having often endeavoured to put an Avaldar upon this Town, and to impose a Custome for the Duan, but being Successless therein, he about three years past orders the building a Banksall within a mile of the Fort, intending there to stop all Grain & other goods to pay them Juncan, before they would permit them to come into Town, but Lingapa happily leaving this world, before the finishing his ill designe or the Banksall, itt has Since layn neglected, after a great expence, & forwardness, being brought up about ten foot from the ground, & a large Strong building near 100 foot square, built most part with Iron Stone, & a Strong double wall, that might bee soon made a good ffortification against us, in consideration of which & the troublesome times that threaten us, the Governour privatly treated with the Avaldar of Pullimalee about buying the Said building of him, who after Some time and much perswasion & being likely to be turn'd out of his Governmt was prevailed with to dispose, or rather give the Same to the Governour, for Pago 60 thô by calculation of our bricklayers itt could not cost less then twenty times as much, whereby wee have removed the danger of too near a Garrison, or att least a troublesome Country Custome house hoping no trouble will ensue thereon.

A Larg Strong building. easily made a ffortification against us. Avaldar of Pullimalee privatly treated with about itt. Given to the Governr for Pago 60. Cost twenty times as much. the danger of making itt a Garrison removed.

Concerning Sangana's &ca letter. To be Sharply answered.

Sangana, Antona &ca having wrot the Governour a Quarilous Letter complaining that wee held a correspondance with Maha Raja in the Chingee Country against the Mogull, which being a falce report, or pretence 'tis agreed that their Letter be Sharply answered, which was accordingly read and past.

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Coppy of the Judgmt against Mr Ralph Ord's estate.

Decembr 12, 1687 John Tyler plt compd against the moneys &ca of Grace Ord in the Rt Honble Compas Cash Deft.

Decr 16, Judgment granted for Eight hundred Twenty five Dollars & a half the plt having fully proved now & formerly his Bill, & the Said Summe being found due to him, upon reference to the Justice Assistants, when the Action was laid against the Said estate in Mr Wavells hands, but the Cash not lying then there, the Said Judgment & reference was hereby confirmed, against the Said estate, in the Rt Honble Compas Cash.

Vera Copia. ED : TREDCROFT.

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	Pa.	ff.	c.
The Judgmt being Rlls $\frac{S}{P}$ 825½ cast up att 19 $\frac{S}{P}$ Pago is	434 :	17 :	—
The Costs of Suit in the Said Action	10 :	— :	—
in all Pago	444 :	17 :	—

Salvo Errore.

J. BIGGS.

Mr Rodrigues acquaints the President that Mr do Porto had recd a Letter from his brother att Surat, dated 22th Sept last, wherin he advises that the English that were left there, were confin'd, & that three great English Ships rode in that Road, had taken Seven Ships belonging to the Moors, & had some dispute with the Dutch Ships about carrying prize goods. 22. English confin'd att Surat. Seven Moors Ships taken there.

The Curtana Frigat Capt Anthony Weltden Commander arrived here from Mergen, & the Capt delivers a Generall Letter from Mr Samuell White dated yesterday, wherein he advises that upon Some urgent occations he had made a Stop att Palliacat for Some dayes, but would be here with all possible Speed. 25. Curtana ffrigat from Mergen Letter from Mr Samll White. he stopt att Palliacat.

Reported that the great Turk had writ a Letter to the Persian King acquainting him, how hee was prest upon by the Christians, desiring his assistance to Support the Mahomitan Religion, of which itt is Said he has given the great Mogull an accompt, which has much exasperated him against all Christians. Great Turk prest upon by the Christians. Mogull exasperated against all Christians.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR — MUNDAY 26
MR. JOHN GRAY — SR. JOHN BIGGS
MR. JOHN LITTLETON — MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR. THOMAS WAVELL — MR. NATH HIGGINSON
MR. WILLIAM FRASER.

Capt Anthony Weltden Commander of the Curtana Frigat arriveing yesterday from Tenassery, was Sent for to give an acct of his voyage, & the discharge of his Commission upon that expedition who desired time till next Consultation day, to transcribe his Diary, which should give us a full & faithfull acct of all transactions therin, which thô lamentably unsuccessfull, by the trecherous insurrection of the Natives, yet no fault of his, having punctually discharg'd his duty, he also acquainted us that he had been att the Island of Negrais, and exactly Survey'd its Scituation & conveniency, & found itt so advantagious a place, for the Rt Honble Compas Settlement, fitting & Safeguard of Shipping that he took posession thereof for them, in the King of Englands name & behalf, raising a Standard with his Majesties Coulors, and an Inscription on a plate of Tinn to that purpose, burning Severall Hutts, & a peece of Timber carved with Siam Characters, which the Syamers had left there, in token of posession, & right to the place, his discription thereof was also desired & promised, as also of the Niccambar Islands, where he had spent some time, & brought a Spanish Priest thence, with his observations upon the people & place, leaving, another behind, Sent thether to convert the ignorant Inhabitants, he also toucht att Acheen & came thence in company with Mr Samuell White on Ship Resolution, their first Anchoring on this Coast being att Madapollam, where they stayed 4 or 5 dayes, & in their way hither left Mr White & his Ship on Some business att Palliacat, who wrot us a Generall Letter

Capt Weltden required to give an acct of his voyage. Desires till next Consultation day to transcribe his Diary. To give a discription of Negraes.

Also of the Niccambar Islands.

Mr White left att Palliacat.

[26th.]

——*Fort St. George, December 1687.*——

Intends to come hither in a few dayes.

there, that he intended in few dayes to come hither, in obedience to his Majesties Proclamation, & the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ commands, which he had Strictly observed upon their first publication att Mergen, & should readily contribute, his best advice & Service upon any occation we should require itt.

Consideration of sending the Curtana to England or discharge her.

Resolved to discharge her this day.

The Royall James or a ship from the Bay expected. Capt Weltden acqnainted that we had no further occation for his Ship. Book Keeper to make up his acct of Demorage &ca. P 2000 taken of Capt Weltdon att Intrest to be paid.

And the Curtana being well man'd & fitted, & itt growing late and no Ship yet arrived from the Bay or the Southward, & not knowing when they will, or how fitt they may bee, to bee dispatch't with advices to England, which by the many bad circumstances wee are under, is of great consequence & necessity to bee sent home, Itt was therefore propos'd to the Councill, whether we Should lade & Send the Curtana now for England, or discharge her from the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ Service, which upon debate, 'twas resolved to discharge her this day from Service & demorage in consideration of the charge of her Tonnage, which would be wanting on another Ship whose freight must bee paid, whether we lade or not, the Royall James being Suddenly expected from Coodaloor, and Severall others in few dayes from the Bay, Capt Weltden was acquainted that the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ had no further occation att present for his Ship, & that he was free to trade in the Country, according to their License given him, & 'tis order'd that the Book keeper, do make up the acc^t^ of her demorage &c^a^ and that itt bee paid accordingly, as also the late President &c^as^ obligation to the Capt^ne^ for Pag^o^ 2000 taken of him att Intrest for the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ accompt.

Mr Faulkingham reprehended for leaving the place. his answer thereto.

John Faulkingham arriving also upon the Curtana was sent for and reprehended for his leaving the place, without license, with intentions to carry contraband goods to our enemies att Siam or Tenasseree, wch he possitivly denied to have been his intentions, but the Rigging being the Ships stock, he only carried itt to Acheen for Sale, & that he knew nothing of our order to demand him back, till he Saw itt att Acheen assuring us of his faithfull & ready obedience to the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ Service, but the business of the Rigging concerning the Court of Admiralty being Seiz'd & Sent hither, from Acheen, 'tis referr'd to the Judg &c^a^ to examine & decide in that Court.

The busines of the Rigging to be examined by the Admiralty.

Mr Gostlin to give a relation of loosing his Sloop att Mergen.

Mr Armiger Gostlin Master of Sloop James was also examined about her loss att Mergen, & was orderd to give us a full & true relation thereof in writing.

Concerning Doctr Plummer & Mr. Constables Rice on the Royall James.

said Grain to be bought of them for the Rt Honble Compas acct.

Doctor Plummer & Thomas Constable having laden upon freight on the Royall James when att Trimlevas, Severall Sorts of Grain to the amount of Pag^o^ 970 : 15 Trincombar fanams, as p̃ Invoyce, & often complaining that the Ship contrary to their agreement had been detarded in her voyage, hither, upon Severall occations of the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ to their great loss and disappointment, desiring Satisfaction for the Same, in consideration whereof, and the Scarcity of Grain here, and our great want of itt for Stores for the Garrison, these troublesome dangerous times, 'tis agreed that we buy the Said Grain of them, for the R^t^ Honble Companies accompt, allowing them Ten p̃ Cen̄t advance upon their Invoyce in consideration of their trouble, and the long time they have been out of their money.

Metchlepatam & Madapollam Merchts accts to be made up. Ballance to be paid Mr. Freeman.

The Accomptant is order'd to make up the Metchlepatam and Madapollam Merchants accompts in their Books, & that the ballance, be paid to Mr Robert Freeman, whom they have authorized to receive itt for them.

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Mr Littleton having examined Mr Styleman's green Ginger as order'd, reports itt to bee good and cheap and is order'd to buy itt for the Rt Honble Compas accompt. Green Ginger to be bought.

Having advices from the Maretta Camp, Conjeveron & Checlecu[tt] & other places, that the Savagee forces in the Chingee Country under command of Maha Raja, were upon their march with 2000 horse and 5000 foot, with great numbers of Pioneers & Scaleing Ladders, & that they had plunder'd and taken Severall Towns next them, belonging lately to the King of Gulcondah, and that on Satterday night, they assaulted and took Accara Fort, from the Mogulls forces, kil'd the Governour and most of the Peons that defended itt, posessing themselves thereof, which has so allarm'd the Country, that most of the Inhabitants, have left Conjeveron & the other great Townes, to Secure their persons & estates, from their violence, 'tis also rumour'd that they intend hither for plunder too, and there being Some danger thereof, he being within Six Leagues of us, and may by night Surprise the out Town, with his light Horsemen, 'Tis agreed and order'd that all the good Souldiers & Peons procurable bee entertain'd, for the Safety of the Fort and Town, having no more then about 300 Souldiers & 350 Peons, which are not half enough to keep our Guards well, and ply our great Gunns.

Concerning Savagee's forces. Plunderd & taken Severall Townes. Taken Accara ffort from the Mogulls forces. Inhabitants left Conjeveron &ca. Rumour'd that they intend hither for plunder. within Six leagues of us. Souldiers & Peons to be entertain'd. Souldiers & Peons in the Fort

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Severall great Braminees with their families came into Town from Conjeveron, to Secure their persons and estates, from Maha Raja's Army that was plundring near that place, who desired to give the President a vissitt, but he excused itt, as well to prevent the charge of Tasherifing them & the nois itt would make in the Country, and thereby possibly disoblige the Mogull or Sevagee. 27 Braminees come into Town.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 29

ELIHU YALE Esqr PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
Mr JOHN GRAY Sr JOHN BIGGS
Mr JOHN LITTLETON Mr ROBERT FREEMAN
Mr THOMAS WAVELL Mr
Mr WILLIAM FRASER.

The Storekeeper Mr Thomas Wavell his accompt of Stores bought Sold and expended for the month of November read and past. Storekeeper acct for November.

The Accomptant Mr John Gray read the Journall of the Genll books for part of May & the months of June & July, which was past in Councill. Journall for June & July.

The Book keeper having made up the Accompt of Grain bought of Doctr Plummer & Mr Constable allowing 10 p̃ Ceñt advance on Invoyce amounts to Pago 1067: 25 which is order'd to bee paid them. Acct of Grain made up. Order'd to bee paid for.

Hee is also order'd to make up the Accompt of China goods bought of the Owners of Pink Saphir &cn in 1684 and that Satisfaction bee required from̃ them, according to the Rt Honble Companies demands. Acct of China goods to be made up. Satisfaction to be required.

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[29TH.]

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Acct of the fight att Mergen.

Armiger Gostlin delivers a paper giving an acc[t] of the fight att Mergen.

Sr John to signe Licences.

Licenses for Selling Liquors by retail to be Signed by S[r] John Biggs.

Concerning James Harding.

James Harding required to give the accompt of what may be to the R[t] Hon[ble] Companies advantage here, and in the Bay of Bengall to which he answered, he would draw up what should be Satisfactory to his R[t] Hon[ble] Masters, the President then told him, if he would give any thing to purpose, he would reward him for itt.

Companies new form'd. Out Guards doubled. Arm'd Strangers to be examined. Great Gunns &ca to be ready. Gunners Mates to be posted. Three ffeildp[s] to be placed.

Sevagee's taking Arkar Fort, whereupon the Governour new form'd the Companies of Souldiers, and Peons, doubling the out Guards, ordring a Strict watch to bee kept, and that no arm'd Strangers be permitted to come into Town before examination, the Gunner wa[s] also order'd to have all our great Gunns clear, and in readiness, and that he fitt up the Mortar peeces, Granadoes &c[a] and that his Mates bee posted on each Point, and three field peeces be placed att the out Town Gates, to prevent a Surprize.

Fort S[t]. George, the of 1687.

To Cap[t]
Com[dr] of

* Form of a Commission to be given to those that have recd. his Majties Commission.

Whereas you have rec[d] his Maj[ties] Commission authorizing & impowering you, to be aiding & assisting to the R[t] Hon[ble] East India Comp[a] in these parts, in making warr upon the Mogull, & such as shall assist him, & to do all acts of hostillity as is usuall in times of warr, & further to observe & follow such orders as you shall from time to time, receive from the Said East India Comp[a] their Generall, President, Agents & Councills in the East Indies, or the Commander-in-chief, of their forces there, & whereas also you have now received our dispatch, for of even date with these presents, Wee the President & Councill of Fort S[t] George, for the affairs of the Said R[t] Hon[ble] East India Comp[a] do order & require you, that if any where in this your present voyage, (either going or returning) you meet with any of the Moors Ships or Vessells (from Bengall, Surat, the South Seas, Acheen &c[a] places) that belong to any of the Mogulls Subjects, or the King of Siams Ships, (because they have embargued the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] estate there, & many other damages the said R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] have rec[d] from the King of Siams chief Minister of State) you do take & Seize them, or any of them, & bring the Said Ships (so taken) into this Road, to be lawfully condemn'd by the Judge of the Admiralty Court here.

If you meet with any forreign Ship or Vessell (besides what you are order'd before to make prize of) you must send aboard her some person (for whose civill deportment you will bee responsible) to See if there be any of his Maj[ties] Subjects on board her contrary to his Majestys Proclamation, (herewith delivered you) forbidding any of his Majesties Subjects, to Serve any forreign Prince or State, & Such as Shall be found you are to cause to be taken forth, & to compell the Master or Commander, of the Ship (in which they shall be found) to pay them all Such wages as shall be due to them, for the time they have served, which as itt may be a meanes to make his Majestys Subjects discover themselves, when they are on board Strangers Ships, so itt will also make forreigners less apt to entertain them.

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Form of a Commission to be given to those that have recd. his Majties Commission.

You are also to Search any private man of Warr, or other Suspitious Ships, whether they are his Majesties Subjects (or Forreigners of this Country) and in case you shall find aboard them, any English goods, Armes, Provissions for Warr, or Victualls, to make Strict enquiry from whence they had the Same, & in case a good acc^{t} be not given thereof, or that you shall have just cause, to Suspect the Same was taken, from Some of his Majesties Subjects, you are then to bring the Said Vessell hither, as aforesaid, to be proceeded against, according to their demerrits.

And if you meet with any Ship or Vessell, (whether they are his Majesties Subjects, or fforreigners of this Country) that have not an English Pass from Some of the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Presidents Agents or Chiefs, (unless they belong to any European Nation, & have their Pass) or any Europe Ships (besides ours) that have no Pass of their own (or other papers to clear the Suspition of their being Pirats) then bring them hither, (taking great care that nothing of their Cargo be deminisht) to be kept here till we have Sufficient Testimony to whom they do belong, but when you find any such Ships or Vessells, to have the premention'd Pass, you are not to molest them in any kind, and what elce you have further in Commission from his Majesty, you must be Sure punctually to observe, & for your encouragment, we have herewith delivered you, a coppy of an Order of Court, by the R^{t} Honble East India Comp^{a} dated the 20th Jan^{ry} 1685, which we would have you publish aboard your Ship, that yourself & all your Ships Company, may bee encouraged thereby, to behave yourselves valliantly for the honour of our King & Nation, & So we wish all Success to your undertakings & remain

Your very loving friends

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Form of a Commission to be given to those that have not recd his Majtys Commission.

Commission given by us the President & Councill of Fort S^{t}. George (for affairs of R^{t} Honble English East India Comp^{a}) to Capt . . . . Com^{der} of . . . .

Wee do hereby Commissionate you, & Strictly give you in charge (by virtue of the Kings Majesties Royall Charter to the R^{t} Honble English East India Comp^{a} & the power that is derived to us from them) that you take & Seize, (wherever you meet with them) any of the Moors Ships (from Bengall or Surat, or belonging to any of the Mogulls Subjects) or the King of Siam (because he has embargu'd the said R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} estate there, & many other injuries & damages have been done them, by the Chief Minister of State there) & you are to bring the Said Ships (so taken) to this place, to be lawfully condemn'd by the Judge of the Admiralty Court here.

If you meet with any forreign Ship or Vessell, you must send aboard her Some person, (for whose civill deportment you will bee responsible) to See if there be any of his Majesties Subjects on board her contrary to his Majesties Proclamation, forbidding any of his Majesties Subjects, to Serve any Foreign Prince or State, & such as shall be found, you are to cause to be taken forth, & to compell the Master or Commander of the Ship (in which they shall be found) to pay them all Such wages, as shall be due to them, for the time they have Served, which as itt may bee a meanes to make his Majesties Subjects discover themselves, when they are on board Strangers Ships, So itt will also make forreigners less apt to entertain them.

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And if you meet with any Ship or Vessell, (whether they are his Majesties Subjects or forreigners of this Country) that have not an English Pass, from Some of the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Presidents, Agents or Chiefs, (unless they belong to any European Nation, & have their Pass) or any European Ships (besides ours) that have no Pass of their own (or other papers to clear their Suspition, of being Pirates) then bring them to this place, (taking great care that nothing of their Cargo be deminisht) to be kept in our posession, till we have Sufficient Testimony, to whom they belong, but when you find any such Ship or Vessell, to have the prementioned Pass, you are not to molest them in any kind.

When you take any prize, be Sure to make dilligent search for all papers, which lett be Sealed up, to be delivered to the Judge of the Admiralty Court here, & bring also three or four of the Cheif of the Company of Said Ship, to be produced before the Said Judge of the Admiralty, that full examination may be had therupon, touching the Interest in or property of Said Ship, Vessell and goods taken, & take great care, that none of the prize goods bee imbezled, the tenth part thereof, being to be paid to his Majesty being the right of the High Admirall of England, & therefore lett every thing be put under Hatches, & Lockt up, & what will be then due to yourself, & Such Officers & Sean en, as Shall behave themselves valliantly towards the Enemy, & dutifull towards their Superiour Officers, will be punctually complied with, according to an order of Court, by the R^{t} Honble East India Company dated the 20th January 1685, as to that particular, and many other encouragments, & the Owners of your Ship Shall bee reimburst if she shall be lost in fight, or receive any damage in her Masts, Sailes, Yards, or Hull, or any other way, & this Commission is to continue in force, during your present voyage, according to your dispatch, from your Owners or imployers, for which time we appoint you to wear his Majesties Coulors, So wish you good Success, dating these Presents in Fort St. George the day of Anno Dom One Thousand Six hundred Eighty & Seven according to the computation of the Church of England.

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Form of a Bond to be given by freemen.

Know all men by these Presents that I of Fort S^{t}. George Madraspatnam, am held and firmly bound unto the Governour & Company of Merchants of London tradin[g] into the East Indies, & to their Successors, in the Summe of Two Thous[and] Pagodas new of Madraspatnam aforesaid to be paid to William Gyfford Esqr, President Governour & Councill, of Fort St George aforesaid & to their Successors, to the which payment well & truly to [be] made & done, I bind myself, my Heires, Executors, & Administra[tors] firmly by these Presents, Sealed with my Seal, dated the day of and in the year of the reign of o[ur] Sovereign Lord James the Second, by the Grace of God King [of] England &^{ca}.

The Condition of this Obligation is Such that if t[he] above bounden shall within one whole year or a year & a half att furthest, next ensuing the date hereof come and keep house, or reside with his family att Fort St George upon the Coast of Choromandell, or in Some other of the R^{t} Honble English East India Comp^{as} ffortified Townes & places in the East Indies, & there pay Scott & Lott to the Said R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} as Lords proprietors & protectors of said places, under his Majesty, & give constant & due obedience to all their Rules & Orders & to their respective Presidents, Agents, Chiefs & Councills, or Shall faithfully Serve the Said R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} & their Assignes in India or their Servants to whom they give liberty of trade in those parts, & shall continue so to do, till he make itt his request to go for England, or to live as a freeman, att any of the places abovemention'd, & also if during the whole time of his abode in India, he shall own no other protection then that of the Said R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} & imbrace none of the Moguls or other forreign Princes Service, without the Speciall leave of the Said R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} or their Assignes, nor have any trade or commerce with any people called Interlopers, nor with any Nation whatsoever, that are Enemies to the Said R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} nor att any time hereafter go to any of the Ports of their Said Enemies, nor trade in any goods or commodities, which now are, or hereafter shall be prohibited by the Said R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} or their Assignes, then this present Obligation to be void & of noe effect, otherwise to Stand in full force and virtue.

Sealed & delivered
in presence of

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1687.*——

*Att a Consultation

Present

25 Tuesday [October.]

Elihu Yale Esqr President & Governour
Mr John Gray Sr John Biggs
Mr John Littleton Mr Robert Freeman
Mr Thomas Wavell Mr Nath Higginson
Mr William Fraser.

The examination of Mr William Cawleys charge against Mr John Davis continued & taken as followeth Viz^t.

Article 6th. To the 6th Article wherein Mr Cawley Sayes that Mr Davis particular travelling charges, are put to the Comp^as acc^t, to which Mr Davis replies that he is willing to repay any Such charges, if itt Shall Soe appear, & the Accomptant here is orderd to Examine the Books with Mr Cawley, & that the extraordinary expence, bee made good by Mr Davis.

Article 7th. To the 7th Article wherein he is charged with driving a great trade of his own with the Merchants, to the prejudice of the Comp^as Investment, & forceing his own goods upon the Merchants, above the markett price, rendring them uncapable of complying with their contract.

To which Mr Davis replies that he acknowledges he has drove a considerable trade with those Merchants, Portonovo and Coodaloor to the am^t of Pag^o 20000 that year, but that the Tin was Sold in his absence, Allom &c^a goods Mr Cawley speaks of to have been prejudiciall to the Comp^a was Sold some months before the arrivall of the Comp^as Ships, when itt was not known, what goods might bee expected by them, & that the Callicoes Mr Davis rec^d from the Merch^ts he offers to make Oath, were chiefly Such as were turned out of the Comp^as Sortment, & therefore could bee no prejudice to the Comp^as Investment, & Mr Cawley being examined thereon, and desired to give us what proofs he could, how the Same was prejudiciall to the Comp^as affairs, in which he answers, that he only heard the Said Merchants tell Mr Davis, they could not contract with him, for such course Sort of goods, by reason they were under Such engagements to the Honble Comp^a. To which he Saith, Mr Davis then replyed & demanded of them, why they could not provide him goods, as well as the Comp^a & that afterwards the Merchants did provide the goods for Mr Davis, but that he knows not to what quantity, & that Mr Cawley beleives that to bee the reason, why the Merch^ts did not compleat their contract, with the Comp^a but he can give no other proof or reason in this matter, which being only conjecture, wee cannot in justice, award any thing thereon.

Article 8. Mr Cawley here charges Mr Davis to have made use of & disposed Severall goods of the Honble Comp^as particularly the Gold thread att 30 p̃ C^t Loss, to himself & the Dutch, to the am^t of about Pag^o 290.

To which Mr Davis answers that 'tis true he Sold Some quantity of Gold thread to the Dutch, & likewise took Some for himself, att a much less price then its Invoyce cost, but the error arose from a mistake, of the weight, Supposing them to be Troy weight, whereas itt was Venice, & should have been 9^oz. Averdupo [is] however itt appearing a certain loss, to the Comp^a either upon design or ignorance, or rather the want of a carefull enquiry into the Invoyce, Wee do therefore agree that Mr Davis do make good the reall Invoyce price, for that which he has taken for himself, & that he advance, 25 p̃ C^t upon that Sold the Dutch &c^a and that the Accomptant do examine the Books, & make up the Accompt accordingly, & Mr Cawley being demanded if he had any more, to inform us, that Mr Davis Sold to the Comp^as prejudice, who declares he remembers nothing more.

* These Consultations have been taken from Pages 249—260 of Public Consultations, Vol. XIII.

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Article 9. Mr Cawley charges Mr Davis for giving unnecessary Presents to the Country Governours, particularly to the amt of Pago 217 to Vittula Pille, Chief Sobidar of that Country, & that his design therein was, to accomodate the business of his Ship then in the Road, & to have the advantageous return of a Tasheriff.

To which Mr Davis answers that by advice and order of Councill, so much was given to Vittula Pille, upon his coming into that Government, which in their opinion could not bee avoided without great prejudice, to the Compas affairs, & upon examination wee find, they had a Serious debate about this matter, as appears by their Diary of the 26th June, wherein they give their reasons for the necessity of that Present to Vittula Pille, & the Consultation Signed, by John Davis, Ralph Ingram, William Cawley, Christopher Willson, & Joseph Loe, without any exception, thô now Mr Cawley affirms, he then gave his reasons to the contrary, & very much disapproved thereof, but such Presents being unavoidable to new Governours, wee cannot but approve itt.

November the 2d 1687.

Article 10. Mr Cawley in this Article charges Mr Davis for allowing Doctor Grudgfeild Pago 4 p̃ month, diett money, notwithstanding he constantly eat, att the Generall Table, alledging itt no ways encreased the Honble Compas charge, but itt being contrary to the Honble Compas Rules & in itt self very unreasonable to receive diet mony and diett both, wee wholy disallow the charge, ordring Mr Davis to reimburse the Honble Compa of that expence, either by himself or the Doctor, for the time Mr Cawley Saies he has dieted att the Generall Table, but in consideration of the mans poverty, to repay the Same, & great family & that neither his wife nor Children, came to the Table, or partook of any other allowance, but the Pago 4 p̃ month, also wee are very well Satisfied of the poor mans great dilligence & industry, The Generall Books, Diarys, Consultations, Letters, and all other Letters & papers, appearing here to bee under his handwriting, for which att that time they wanted assistance & also as being an old Servant of the Honble Compas We therefore think itt just and reasonable to allow him one third part, of the foresaid Pago 4 p̃ month, in consideration of his great paines, & writing work, and that the remaining two thirds bee made good to the Honble Compas Cash.

Article 11. To this Article Mr Luckin is charged to bee indebted to the Compa Pago 245, but has discharged the Same, to Pago 56 or 58 which Mr John Littleton here present in Councill, is become Security to pay the Same to the Honble Compa, which is Sufficient in that point, thô we have a good Character of Mr Luckins dilligence and Sobriety.

As to what Mr Cawley saies concerning Mr Davis his extravigant entertaining of severall freemen att the Compas table, but being examined how often & how many, were so entertain'd he could give us no particular acct proof therein, but Still affirms itt in genll tearms, thô Mr Ingram then one of that Councill, declares he remembers no Such thing for constancy practised, but there being no publick houses, in those parts, itt necessitates the Masters of our Country Sloops, &c to eat att the Generall Table; As to Mr Davis his being att Portonovo, itt was by order of the President & Councill, whose first order he also obeyed by his return from thence, & that the Kempthorn was not delayed through any meanes or delay of their Sortment, wee having Sufficient goods to lade her, and dispatched her full home in Season.

Article 12. As to Mr Davis his contract with the Merchants to the amount of Pago 60000 half in mony and half in Europe goods wee esteemed itt a good service, thô wee also then pressed them, to forbear the Interest or delay itt as long as they could, wherein they assured us, they did their best endeavours, as itt appears by their Consultation, there being no exceptions against itt.

Article 13. Mr Davis charged with the ill husbandry of keeping Seven horses, which upon examination we find five to bee the Honble Compas kept att their charge, for the use of each one of Councill, thô we must condemn itt, to bee a very unnecessary,

and unusuall charge, which they excuse themselves in, upon the Score of their charge, & business att Portonovo, which calls them oft thether, thô Mr Cawley affirmes that notwithstanding those horses, they often put the Honble Comp^a^ to the expence of Pallenkeen hire, but remembers not the particular times, persons or charge, as to the other two horses, Mr Davis affirmes was not upon the Comp^as^ charge, but had only their Standing in the Comp^as^ Stable, which Mr Cawley att present cannot disprovè, therefore itt is order'd that the Pursers acc^ts^ be further examined by the Accomptant, & if found to be otherways that Mr Davis pays that expence, there being more horses then were necessary att their cost and charge.

But as to the business of the Rice, which was here order'd to be provided and sent here, Mr Davis affirmes that the only reason of not observing said order, was by reason of its Scarcity & dearness in those parts, which so nearly equalled the price of these parts, that the difference would not pay the freight, & that what he provided for himself upon Ship Catharine, exceeded not the am^t^ of Pag^o^ 400 and that sent to Acheen was only a small matter to mix amongst the Bales, which was much less then he intended for the aforesaid reason, of it's dearness, & one other consideration of his not sending grain, was from the great quantities that had from thence been late sent hither, which was formerly approv'd of by the late President and Councill.

Article 14. As to this 14th Article, itt appears by the former examination that Mr Cawley had some difference, with the Portonovo Merchants which occation'd their repair to Coodaloor, to complain & have Satisfaction from the Chief & Councill there, without which they resolved to proceed no further upon their contract, which to accommodate wee think a necessary Present, having its intended effect.

Article 15. Upon examination of the 15th Article, wee find that Mr Davis comeing to the Fort upon his particular business, brought with him Soe considerable a number of the Coodaloor Peons, & that a robbery happening att an ajacent Town, occation'd their entertaining 10 more Peons tc Secure & guard the ffactory during his absence, which we think reasonable he should pay the charge of, till the return of the greatest part of those he carried with him, upon his particular occation.

Article 16. As to the Present made att Viopah Chittys daughters wedding, being a particular invitation to Mr Davis, & not any publike, business or concern of the Comp^as^. Wee therefore think itt reasonable & just, & do accordingly order, that Mr Davis do repay the cost of that Present am^t^ to Pag^o^ 62 there being no example of the like nature, here or in any other Factary [*sic*] upon that occation.

Article 17. As to the 17th & last Article, itt appears by a Generall Letter from the late President & Councill, to Coodaloor, that their contracts with those, & the Portonovo Merch^ts^ were approved of, & consequently the Presents made them, upon concluding the Same, which wee also agree to bee a Sufficient authority, for what they have done therein.

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THO: WAVELL.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

JOHN STABLES Sec^ry^.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 3.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR JOHN GRAY S^R^ JOHN BIGGS
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR ROBERT FREEMAN
MR THOMAS WAVELL MR NATH HIGGINSON
MR WILLIAM FRASER.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1687.*——

The examination of Mr John Davis his charge against Mr William Cawley taken as followeth Vizt:—

Mr John Davis in the first Article of his charge against Mr Cawley taxes him with speaking treasonable words, which were as followeth Vizt That he had often heard that the dissenting party were they that martyr'd King Charles the first, but he never knew, heard or read of any that were executed for itt. Which Mr Davis concludes to bee treasonable words, but upon advice with Sr John Biggs Judg Advocate, he declares his opinion, that althô those words may be foolish or fals, yet he finds nothing therein, that imports high treason, which being also our opinions, wee think fitt to proceed no further in itt, but to reprehend Mr Cawley, & caution him for such rash boldness for the future, or that he must expect a just punishment for his folly, thô Mr Cawley Solemnly avers, that he intended no ill, or disrespect therein, & that what he said was really truth having never heard any thing of these actions, living but two years in England, & the rest of his life in forreign parts of the world.

To the 19th Article wherein Mr Davis charges MrCawley with perjury, knavery & infidellity, all which high accusations were particularly examined, to the first whereof, Mr Davis can bring no proof that ever Mr Cawley was recorded in any Court, or before any Judge of Record for taking a fals Oath, which wee are informed is the true nature of perjury, but that he did itt upon presumption of Mr Cawleys rashly Swearing that he never embezled the Rt Honble Compas Cash, which he (Mr Davis) beleived to bee othorwise, but brings no other proof but his beleif, & one instance of borrowing Pago 60 of him, wch att the Same time hee lent itt, he deposes upon his Oath, Mr Cawley told him, itt was to make up his Cash, but upon examination, would not affirm, whether itt was the Rt Honble Compas his own, or any others Cash, Mr Cawley mentioning nothing thereof att that time, to Mr Davis, but now declares to us, & acknowledges that hee borrowed Pago 200 of the Portonovo Merchants, as also Pago 60 near the Same time of Mr Davis, both which Summes Mr Cawley immediatly paid to Side Lebo a Merchant of the Said place, to whom he was indebted for goods bought of him, and sent to Junceilon.

Mr Willson's declaration was also read which besides his beleif, & presumption of Mr Cawleys errors, imports no more then a referrence to Mr Ingrams knowledge and report, thereof, wherupon Mr Ingram was sent for and examined what he knew relating to Mr Cawley's making use of the Rt Honble Compas Cash, when att Coodaloor & Portonovo, who only affirms, that Mr Davis and the Merchants lent him mony when there, which he beleives was to make up, the Honble Compas Cash, but brings no proof thereof.

And upon the whole matter having examined Mr Cawley's Cash Books and receipts, to which Mr Davis could make noe objection, either as to payments, or want of Cash att any time, and wee also find, that upon Mr Ingrams going to Portonovo, near the 10th of Decer 1685 recd Pago 117: 14: 0 in full ballance of the Rt Honble Compas Cash, as p̃ his receipt of the 17th of December 1685 and thô Mr Cawley may be guilty of many misdemeanors in his deportment & correspondency with those with whom he lived and conversed, being of an unquiett temper, yet in this case, wee think him wronged, and that the whole charge proceeds more from heat then matter.

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Ralph Ingrams declaration of what he knows of Mr Wm Cawleys charge against Mr John Davis Vizt.

Article p mo. As to this Article I know of no loss their servants suffer, by taking up mony of the Merchants, for as he receives itt, he pays itt to them & as to the favouring of the Merchants, I know nothing of itt, to the prejudice of the Honble Comps being the price currant.

2. Tis true Mr Davis bought two horses of his Servant Peddana, but whether he gave 40 or 50 p̃ Cent more then they were worth, I cannot tell, As to the presenting his Servant as often as the Merchts I cannot bee possitive, without I had the perusall of the Diarys, as to the rest of that Article, I know nothing of.

Article 3. As to the Present of Pago 63 and odd fanams, which was given to Sancroge Pontolo, as aforesaid I can Say nothing to, without the Diarys, As to his presenting the Dutch every year anything to the Rt Honble Compas prejudice, I know nothing of. As for what he presents yearly att Coodaloor, & Portonovo, I beleive itt might bee necessary, and not to bee avoided, without obstructions to the Rt Honble Compas Affaires.

4. As to the Musters of Cloth wee Sort by att Coodaloor, which we have from the Fort, I allow are not altogeather so good, as att Portonovo, but to the best of our Judgments, wee Sorted to the highest, As to what Cloth Mr Davis took in, which Mr Cawley turn'd out sometimes, to my knowledg has been as good, and many times better then Muster, As for his calling a Councill, I never knew him do any thing of moment, without their advice (thô Mr Cawley is pleas'd to term us his own creatures, and Sign the Diarys when brought us, without any difficulty, thô att the Same instant, Mr Cawley himself never Scrupl'd itt) As to Mr Davis lending his mony, itt don't concern mee, As for the hedging in of expences, for fear of your Honrs &cas displeasure, I know nothing of itt.

Article 5. As to extravigant charge (which Mr Cawley is pleased to Say) in repairing our ffactory att Portonovo, I did nothing without advice and order, which was then well approved of, and no more then what was absolutly necessary, itt being So inconvenient before, that wee have been forced, to lye without doors in our Pallenkeens, and as'tis now, wee are forced to lye and eat all in one Room, So I think itt was done, with as much frugallity as possible, & Since wee reside in the Same house still, without any molestation, I do not See the folly Mr Cawley represents in so doing, and I think Senr Delmeda,has allowed some Small matter, towards the repairs.

Article 6. As to this Article I can say nothing to.

7. As to Mr Davis his private dealings which Mr Cawley Saith doth prejudice the Honble Compas concernes, I leave you to bee Judges, as for my part, I never Saw any thing by him, but what was fair dealing, As for his perswading the Merchants, to Supply him with what Cloth hee wanted, then he would not bee pressing with them, to bring in the Honble Compas so Speedily, I know nothing of that.

8. As for Mr Davis his making use of the Honble Compas goods to pleasure others I know nothing of, And as to his selling the Gold & Silver Thread 30 p̃ Cent less then itt cost to the Dutch, which Mr Cawley taxes him with, I cannot tell, neither remember any such thing as to this point, I suppose the Books can satisfie therein.

9. As to the Pishcash that was given to Vittula Pilla, could itt att that time been any wayes excused, hee would have done itt, having used all endeavours possible to do itt, but could not without hindring the Honble Compas affaires.

10. As to this Article I referr to your Honr &ca.

11. As for Mr Luckins ill mannagment of his trust, I can no ways justifie, yet in Some measure, itt might bee imputed to his extraordinary illness, which might render him uncapable of doing his duty, as he ought, As to those many correspondents

of Mr Davis (which Mr Cawley Says) eats att the Comp^as^ Table, and are almost as chargable as all the Comp^as^ Servants, I don't know who he means, for I never saw such extravagencies in my time, as he Speaks of, to which I referr. 12

As to this Article, I can Say nothing.

As to Mr Davis his Serving his own turn with Rice or Paddy to lade on board his own Vessell, before the Honble Comp^as^, thô att the Same time hee had possitive orders to supply the Comp^a^ therewith, I know nothing of the matter. 13 14

As to this Article I know nothing of.

As to the taking more Peons to guard the Factory, in Mr Davis his absence, I Satisfied your Hon^r^ &c^a^ in my Diary. 15

As to these two last Articles, I can Say nothing to. 16

RALPH INGRAM. 17

February 2^d^ $168\frac{6}{7}$.
December p^mo^ 1687

Jurat Coram me.
ELIHU YALE.

	A List of persons in the Service of the Rt Honble English East India Compa in Fort St George according to their Degrees by the Rules.	Arrivall in India.	Present Degree.	Present sallary.
1	Elihu Yale Esqr President & Governr Commission'd to Succeed William Gyfford Esqr Sallary £ 200 Gratuity 100 p Ann.	June 23th 1682 ...	1st Councill ...	£ 300
2	John Gray Bookkeeper	June 2d 1684 ...	2d Councill ...	100
3	Sr John Biggs Judge Advocate	July 22th 1687 ...	3d Councill ...	100
4	John Littleton Warehouskeeper	July 17th 1682 ...	4 Councill ...	70
5	Robert Freeman Sea Customer	Sept 8th 1668 ...	5 Councill ...	50
6	Thomas Wavell Mintmaster and Storekeeper ...	July 28th 1686 ...	6 Councill ...	40
7	Nathaniell Higginson Paymaster	March 19th 168¾ ...	7 Councill ...	40
8	William Fraser Land Customer	May 31th 1685 ...	8 Councill ...	40
9	Richard Elliot Chaplain	June 28, 1679 ...	Chaplain	100
10	John Cheney his time & Sallary begins the ...	Decr 7, 1684 ...	Senr Mercht ...	40
11	Daniell Gyfford order'd 2d of Vizagapatam ...	Decr 25, 1679 ...	Senr Mercht ..	40
12	Thomas Yale ... ... £	July pmo 1683 ...	Mercht.	30
13	John Stables Secry Sallary 30 Gratuity £ 10 p Ann.	July 4th 1681 ...	Mercht	40
14	Henry Alford Assistant to the Warehouskeeper ...	July 4th 1681 ...	Mercht	30
15	Henry Mose Attorney Generall	July 17 1682 ..	Mercht	30
16	Ambrose Moody order'd for the West Coast ...	Decr 4 1684 ...	Mercht	30
17	John Heathfield Chirurgeon	.....	Chirurgeon ..	36
18	James Johnson Assay Master his Sallary begins ...	Janry 20, 168⅝ ...	Assay Master ...	40
19	William Cawley receiver of the Sea Customes ...	June 16, 1684 ...	Factor	25
20	John Pitt	Janry 30th 168⅝ ...	Factor	15
21	Daniell Du Bois Assistant to the Warehouskeeper ...	Augt 11th 1685 ...	Factor	15
22	Edward Tredcroft dto and Register	July 22 1687	Factor	15
23	Giles Litcott Assistant to the Customer	July 22 1687	Factcr	15
24	John Meverell Assistant to the Warehouskeeper ...	July 22 1687	Factor	15
25	Francis Willcox under the Customer	July 3d 1681	Writer	10
26	Zouch Troughton Steward	July 17, 1682 ...	Writer	10
27	Samuell Owen under the Sea Customer	July 30, 1682 ...	Writer	10
28	William Proby under the Land Customer	June 2, 1683	Writer	5
29	Gabriell Roberts under the Warehouskeeper ...	June 2, 1683	Writer	5
30	Francis Bett under the Sea Customer	.....	Writer	5
31	Thomas Wright under the Paymaster	June 16, 1684 ...	Writer	5
32	John Butterfield under the Bookkeeper	June 16, 1684 ...	Writer	5
33	George Wingfeild under the Mintmaster	June 16, 1684 ...	Writer	5
34	Thomas Constable under the Judg Advocate ...	June 16, 1684 ...	Writer	5
35	Richard Farmer under the President	Sepr 20, 1684 ...	Writer	5
36	Stephen Mabb under the Secry	June 3, 1685	Writer	5
37	Thomas Jordan under the Register	Augt 11, 1685 ...	Writer	5
38	Heighs Tilson under the Secry	July 22, 1687 ...	Writer	5
39	Enoch Walsh under the Bookkeeper	Octr 15, 1687 ...	Writer	5
40	Mathew Mildmay under the Secry	Octr 15, 1687 .	Writer	5
	GONE TO MERGEN ON THE PEARL FRIGAT.			
	William Hodges	May 6 1676	Senr Mercht ...	40
	John Hill	Novr 19, 1684 ...	Factor	15
	GONE TO PERSIA ON THE DRAGON.			
	Robert Leveson	Janry 30th 168⅝ ...	Writer	5

List of Freemen.

A List of the Freemen living att Fort St George.

John Bridger married to an English woman.
William Jearsey married to a Dutch woman.
Thomas Lucas married to an English woman.
James Wheeler married to an English woman.
John Styleman married to an English woman.
John Affloeck married to a Castees.
Thomas Betsworth married to an English woman.
Charles Metcalf married to a Castees.
Peter Large married to an English woman.

Note.—The list of persons in the Company's service, etc., has been taken from Public Consultations, Vol. XIII, pages 261--265, dated February 168⅝.

John Coventry married to a Castees.
John Stephenson married to an English woman.
Richard Monke married to a Portugues.
John Inch married to a Castees.
John Barker married to a Portugues.
Emanuell Morley married to a Portugues.
James Mackleland married to a Portugues.
Henry Law married to a Portugues.
Samuell Barron married to a Tonqueener.
William Hatsill.
Charles Barwell.
John Faulkingham.
Edward Commell.
James Coventry.
Richard Leigh.
Nathaniell Bonus.
Richard Langford.
Nehemiah Sewell.
Joseph Hiller.
Mathew Mead.
Edward Dutton.
Francis Davenport.
Samuell Glover married to an English woman.
Theodore Gregory.
Charles Daniell.
Bartholomew Rodrigues.
Domingo do Porto.
Alvares da Fonseca.
Salvadore Rodrigues.
Daniell Chardin.

Names of Sea fareing men that are not constant Town Inhabitants.

William Harrison married to an English woman.
John Callender married to a Castees.
Edward Inglish married to an English woman.
Robert Masfen married to an English woman.
John Strangeways married to a Castees.
Thomas Bowrey.
John Spencer.
John Wallis.
Thomas Walthrop.
Robert Mellish.
Edward Greenhill.
Samuell Prickman married to an English woman.
Henry Burton married to a Castees.
Henry White.
William Pennystone.
John Pennyman.
John Naylor.
Thomas Flemming.
Richard Metcalf.
John Downing.
Armiger Gostlin.
John Kiddell married to an English woman.

English women unmarried.

ENGLISH WOMEN UNMARRIED.

Ursula ONeal. ⎫
Mary Ann Richardson. ⎪
Ann Titford. } Widdows.
Sarah Holloway. ⎪
Sarah Haddock. ⎭
Jane Biggs.
Ann Styleman.
Elizabeth Styleman.
Elizabeth Price.
Ann Baker.
Elenor Naylor.
Penellope Duncan.
Mary Fisher.
Persis Bonus.

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